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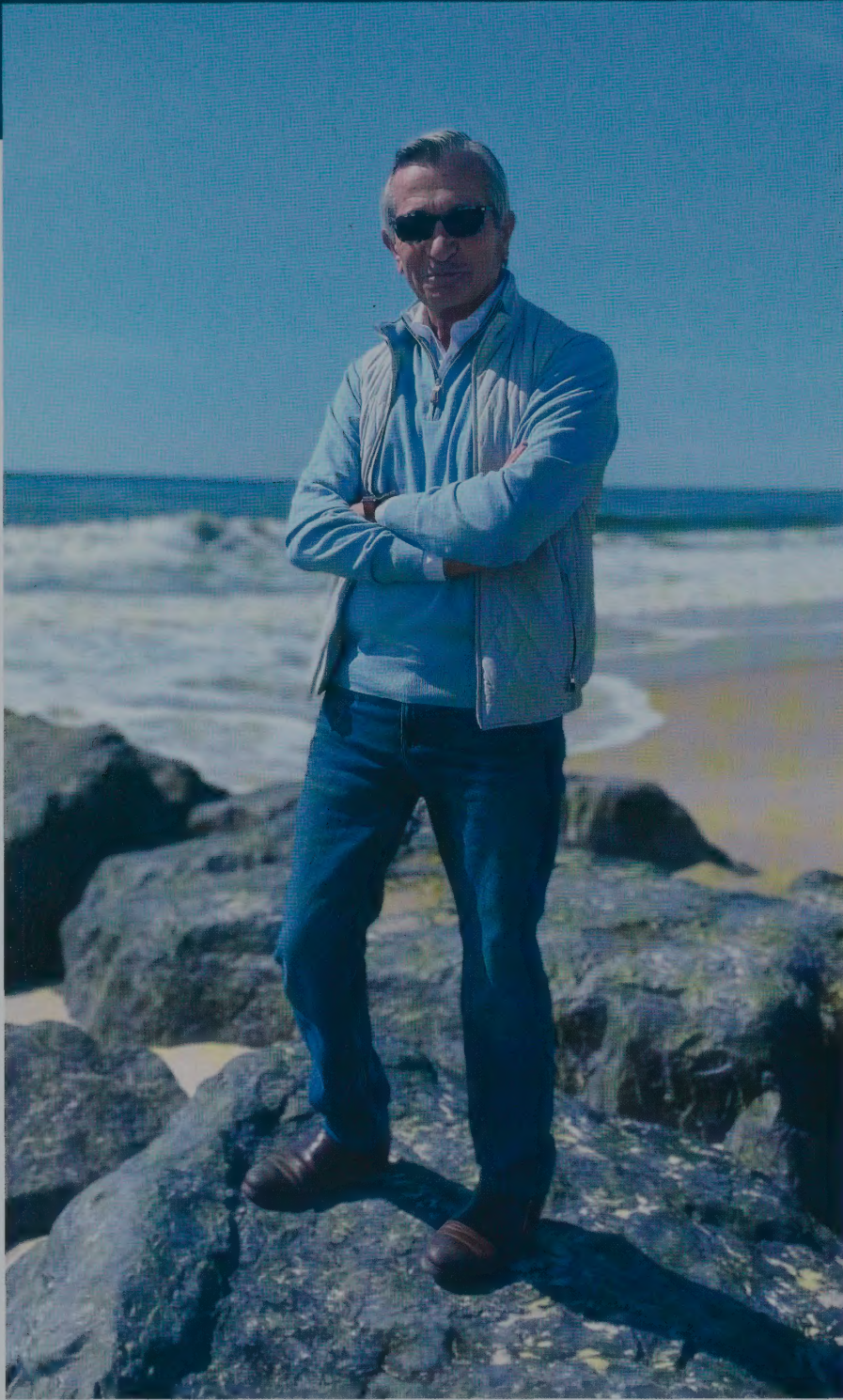


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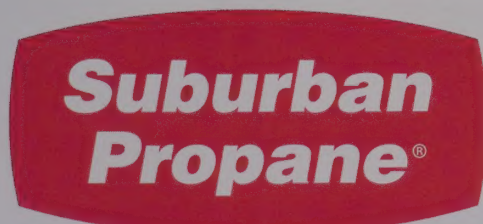


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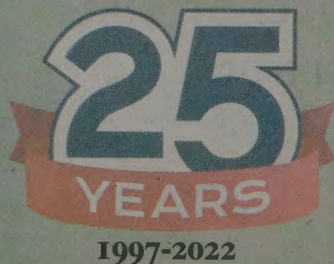
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& Save Sag Harbor Board Member

Episode 77: This week on the "Dan's Talks" podcast, Dan speaks with Myrna Davis, author of *The Potato Book* and other publications. She is also a board member for Save Sag Harbor, serving the village she's called home since the 1960s. In 1973, she co-chaired the Sag Harbor Preservation Commission which gained National Landmark status for Sag Harbor.

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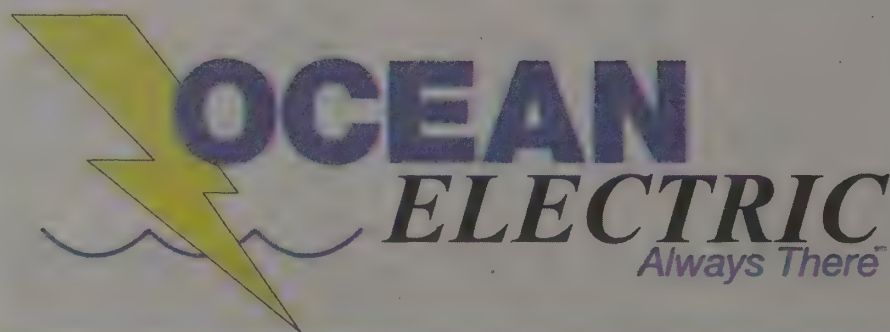
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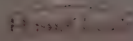
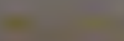

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Jerry Seinfeld was spotted in Malibu grabbing a late lunch at the Malibu Kitchen on April 18 after the death of Liz Sheridan, who played his character's mother on *Seinfeld*, reports the *Daily Mail*. The Amagansett resident paid tribute to Sheridan, who was a great character actress, after her passing at age 93 on April 15, calling her the "sweetest, nicest TV mom a son could wish for" on Twitter.

Speaking of onscreen moms, Sagaponack resident **Drew Barrymore** had **Dee Wallace** as a guest on her talk show on April 18. Wallace

portrayed Barrymore's mother, Mary Taylor, almost 40 years ago in **Steven Spielberg's** *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*. According to the *Daily Mail*, the ladies also recreated an iconic film still from the sci-fi movie where Wallace held a young Barrymore. In the clip, the women held each other just as they did in the 1982 film before smiling at each other and touching each other's foreheads.

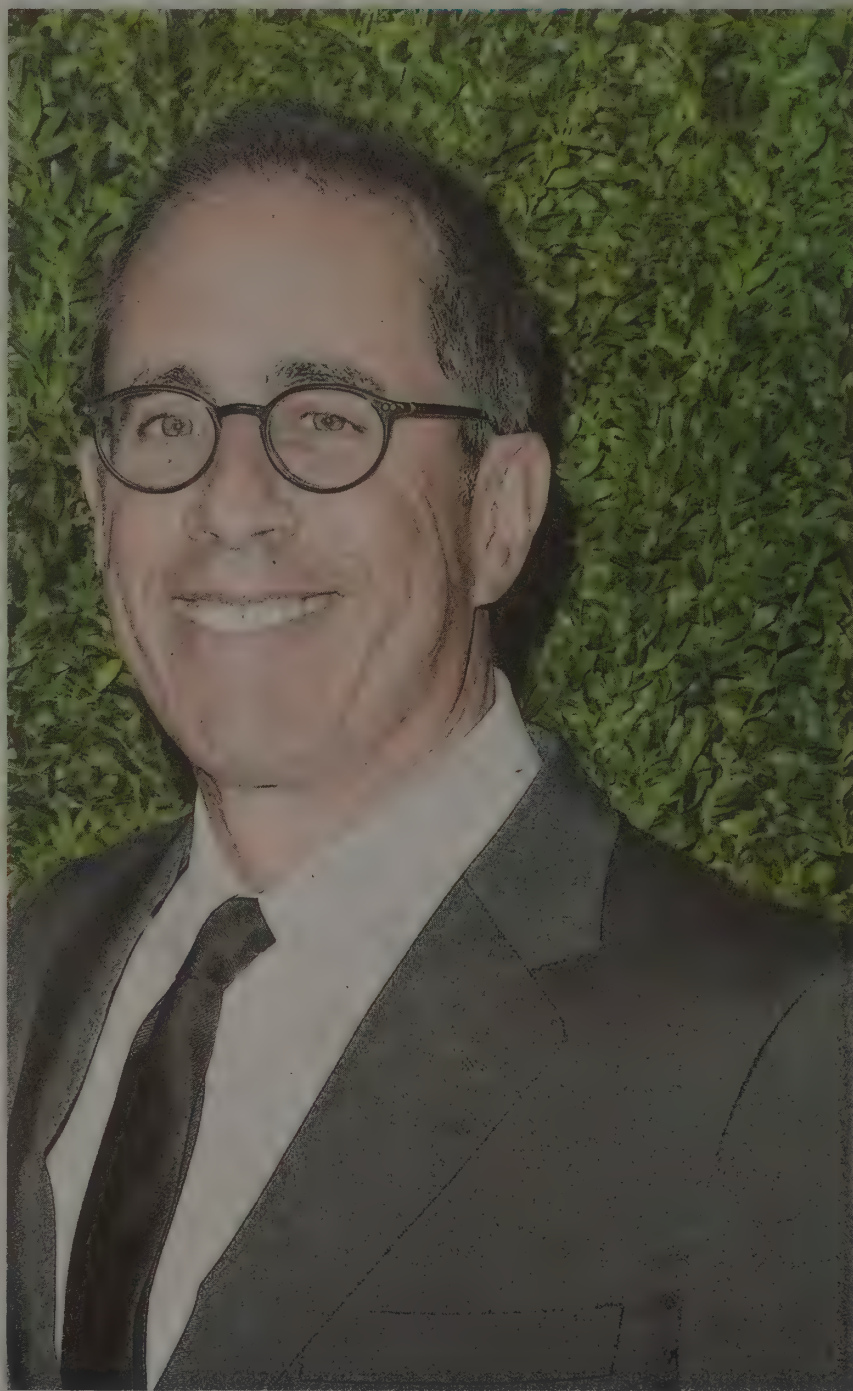
Tongues are wagging that **Lizzo** confided to Amagansett resident **Andy Cohen** that she does, in fact, have a boyfriend. On April 18, on Cohen's Sirius XM "Radio Andy" show, he asked the singer-twerker if she was

still with the mystery man she was spotted with at Craig's restaurant in West Hollywood back in February. Lizzo reportedly told Cohen, "Yeah, whatever, yeah." Lizzo and Mr. X were also photographed together at Crustacean in Beverly Hills last October. Although she still didn't reveal his name, she did tell Cohen that he accompanied her to *Saturday Night Live* on April 16, where

she did a magnificent job of hosting and performing as the musical guest.

Southampton resident and acclaimed concert pianist **Micah McLaurin** is touring Italy performing an all-Chopin program with cellist **Ludovica Rana**. The duo will make a final appearance at the Conservatory of Milano. McLaurin, whose "Rhapsody in Gaga" has now received over a mil-

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President of the South Fork Natural History Museum in Bridgehampton **Andy Sabin** has announced that National Geographic explorer and founder of Mission Blue **Sylvia Earle** and Hamptonsites **Jim Ash, Richard Grasso, Jeff Keil, Greg Manocherian, Carl Safina** and crypto pioneer/billionaire **Brock Pierce** will be honored at the annual SoFo Summer Gala on August 6 at Sabin's home in

East Hampton.

The Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation (SWCRF) hosted a special cocktail party on April 26 at Versa in New York City to kick off two vital SWCRF fundraising events: the 18th annual Hamptons Happening and the virtual Step Up to Turn Off Cancer. Notable attendees included **Dr. Samuel Waxman** and this year's honorees **Bess Freedman, Chef Julian Medina** and **Mark Melchiorre**. This year's Hamptons Happening will be held on Saturday, July 9, at the Bridgehampton estate of **Kenneth and Maria Fishel**.

We Hear ...

The cast of Bravo's *Summer House* — which included **Carl Radke, Lindsay Hubbard, Danielle Olivera** and **Luke Gulbranson** — recently dined at The Sea Fire Grill in Midtown Manhattan.

Montauk golfer **Paul Dickinson** made quite the clutch play at the PGA Professional National Championship playoff last week. After four solid rounds and a birdie on his final hole, he found himself in a four-way tiebreaker for the last three spots in the top 20. He narrowly clutched his placement in the top finishers, which advances him to this year's PGA Championship in O.K. on May 19.

Sightings ...

Bethenny Frankel starting her Easter Sunday at the beach in the Hamptons, regardless of the frigid temperature on April 17. Later, according to the *Daily Mail*, the former *Real Housewives of New York City* cast member was seen shopping at Kmart in Bridgehampton, then at Walmart. The Skinnygirl liquor mogul ended the holiday by posting photos of herself and her 11-year-old daughter, Bryn, coloring Easter eggs on social media.

Magansett resident **Alec Baldwin** on a solo walk in Manhattan on April 17.

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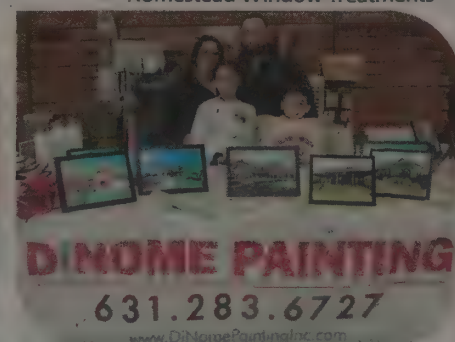
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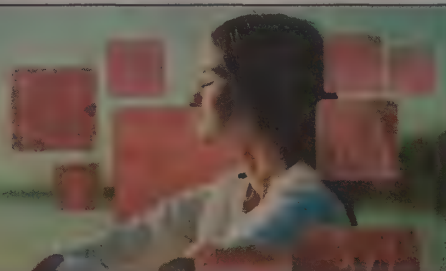
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Slow Food End End Earth Day Celebration at The Villa

The Slow Food East End community Earth Day event, held at the Saint Joseph Villa in Hampton Bays on April 23 was a glorious celebration of farmers, food producers, gardeners and educators. Vendors and participants gathered at The Villa, also home to the Ecological Cultural Initiative (ECI), to share, taste, educate and encourage healthy farming practices.

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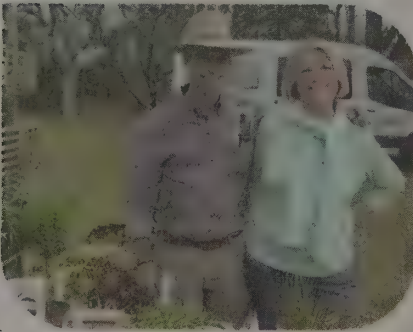
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Slow Food East End awards \$1,000 grant to The Butterfly Effect Project for their garden at First Baptist Church of Riverhead



Patty Gentry and Denise Labelle, Early Girl Farm



Tony Romano (treasurer/resource director of ECI) with volunteer Pat Sanders



ECI Garden Manager Daphne Shuttleworth (right) with volunteer Maribeth Fuchs



Laura Luciano (Slow Food NY State Governor/membership chair) with her mother, Barbara Luciano



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Shine Studio Community Earth Day



Shine Studio in Bridgehampton (pop-up, classes and camp for children ages 6 months-12 years) celebrated the planet with a free community event for Earth Day. The kids had fun making upcycled sculptures and working in the gardens. Pictured: Laura Harkess (studio assistant), Isabella Miles, Aaron Goldschmidt (founder/director of Shine and Shine Studio)

Ramadan Dinner in Bridgehampton



Dr. Asma Rashid (Hamptons Boutique Medicine), Dr. James Groff (general surgery specialist) and Ken Dorph (Unitarian Universalist and cultural advocate for Middle Eastern countries) joined efforts to host a Ramadan dinner in Bridgehampton "to show the world we are more alike than different," says Rashid.

Danielle FASHION PIC OF THE WEEK



LUANN DE LESSEPS, DORINDA MEDLEY

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What we love: sparkly "Housewives" at De Lesseps' cabaret show

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Arts Center at Duck Creek Presents Evan Brownstein Sculptures

A reception for artist and photographer Evan Brownstein was held at the Arts Center at Duck Creek in Springs on April 23. The site-specific exhibit titled *Hannah...Hector...Henry...Hermes...* features Brownstein's wood sculptures that he created out of felled trees (walnut and oak) using a chainsaw. The show runs through June 26 from dawn to dusk. (Read more on page 16.)

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Evan Brownstein, artist



Aaron James, Evan Brownstein (artist),
Kimberly Bello, William Gillespie



Ava LaGreca-Guest, Natalie Drutman, Adriana Drutman



Meghan McGinley, Heidi Lee-Komaromi, Pipi Deer



Evan Brownstein (artist),
Alan Safany (art dealer)



Marguerite Birnbaum, Jane Stuart



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SAC Presents Techspressionism: Digital and Beyond Group Exhibit

Southampton Arts Center celebrated its new exhibition *Techspressionism: Digital and Beyond* with a reception on April 23. The expansive show features the works of more than 90 artists working with technology from more than 20 countries around the world. Curated by Colin Goldberg, with Helen Harrison, Director of Pollock-Krasner House & Study Center, as exhibition advisor. The show runs through June 4.

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NEWS & VIEWS

Hamptons Chopper Ride Fares Skyrocket

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

Costs are soaring for helicopter rides between Manhattan and the Hamptons this summer thanks to new flight restrictions expected to limit aircraft in and out of the East Hampton Airport in Wainscott.

Representatives of Blade Air Mobility, the app-based chopper ride booking service, confirmed reports that trips to East Hampton Airport will be \$1,025 — up nearly 30% from \$795 per passenger — once new rules limit the company to one trip per day, diverting many of Blade's flights to surrounding airports.

"The Town of East Hampton's limitations on commercial landings at East Hampton Airport has necessitated the expansion of our schedule to neighboring landing zones," Blade CEO Rob Wiesenthal told Bloomberg, which first reported the story. "Over 90% of our current fliers surveyed have indicated they will utilize neighboring landing zones if faced with a sold out schedule to East Hampton."

The Federal Aviation Administration has approved the Town of East Hampton's plan to convert its airport from public to private use by deactivating the airport 11:59 p.m. May 17 and activating the new airport in Wainscott at 9 a.m. May 19. The switch enables the town to enact new flight curfews and other aircraft restrictions. The FAA on April 22 formally approved the town's application to provide "special procedures," making instrument landings possible at the new airport, which will be known as JPX instead of HTO.

"The FAA approval confirms that all safety and operational capabilities that have been available at HTO will be available at JPX upon its opening," the town said.



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PECONIC JITNEY PASSENGER FERRY

Peconic Jitney Ferry Pushing to Resume Service

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

A proposal to restore the Peconic Jitney, a passenger ferry that first shuttled passengers between Sag Harbor and Greenport a decade ago, has advanced, but still faces a few hurdles.

The Suffolk County Legislature approved the five-year ferry license at its April 12 meeting, but the village boards whose jurisdiction includes the two landing sites have yet to schedule a vote on the contract to finalize the route. The ferry, a subsidiary of the Hampton Jitney bus company that connects passengers between New York City and the Hamptons, averaged 19 passengers on its 53-passenger boat during its 83-day trial run.

"The water jitney helps to address the lack of

north- and south-bound transportation options on the East End, and we believe it will also promote the areas natural assets, helping to stimulate economic growth," Hampton Jitney President Geoffrey Lynch said when the service did its trial run in 2012.

Drivers trying to get from the South Fork to the North Fork or vice versa currently have two options: Dive through Riverhead or cut through Shelter Island by taking its two car-carrying ferries.

The Peconic Jitney wants to use the same terminals as it did in 2012: Long Wharf in Sag Harbor and Mitchell Park Marina in Greenport. The trip takes 45 minutes and ferries would run every two hours June 17 through September 18. It would run 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily in July and August but June and September would be limited to Friday through Sunday.

Suffolk lawmakers also approved the ferry fares: Adults are \$20 one way or \$37 roundtrip, accompanied minors are \$15 one way or \$30 roundtrip, \$1 for pets, \$5 for bicycles, and \$25 for freight packages.

Greenport village trustees were not expected to vote on the issue at their next meeting April 28, but Sag Harbor village trustees will reportedly hold a public hearing on the ferry May 10.

COURTESY OF PECONIC JITNEY

NEWS & VIEWS

Laurel Man Shot Kid Playing Ring-and-Run, Cops Say

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

A 64-year-old Laurel man was arrested for allegedly shooting a boy who repeatedly knocked on the front and back door of the suspect's home and ran away on April 21, Southold Town Police said.

James Moshier was charged with second-degree assault for recklessly causing physical injury to a child by intentionally discharging a firearm, a felony punishable by up to seven years in prison, if he is convicted.

Police said the alleged gunman shot the victim with a shotgun through the glass of his rear door, striking the boy in the upper right arm, at Moshier's Peconic Bay Boulevard home in Laurel shortly after 9 p.m. The 15-year-old victim was taken to Peconic Bay Medical Center for treatment.

At the time of the shooting, the boy appeared to be playing a game known as ring-and-run, also known as ding dong ditch, in which kids ring doorbells or knock on doors and run away before the resident opens the door.

Moshier was arraigned at Southold Town Justice Court.

This is the second time in a month that a Suffolk County resident was arrested for an altercation involving ring-and-run. A 42-year-old West Babylon man was charged with menacing and endangering the welfare of a child after he allegedly chased a 13-year-old boy who rang his doorbell and ran away on March 4. In that case, the suspect allegedly pushed the victim against a car, hit the boy's head against the car window, displayed pepper spray, threatened to use it on the boy, and threatened to let his dog attack him if he tried to run away, police said.



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A SOLAR FARM MAY BE SOON COMING TO THE RIVERHEAD TOWN DUMP

Riverhead Town Dump Eyed for Solar Farm

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

The Town of Riverhead is considering a proposal to build a three-megawatt solar farm at the 70-acre town landfill in Calverton in a bid to make use of uninhabitable land, officials said.

Riverhead officials listened April 21 to a presentation from international solar power developer Changing Visions of Energy, which is studying the idea and will present its findings to the town board in several months.

"It is in its exploratory phase," said Riverhead Town Supervisor Yvette Aguiar. "Conceivably, if this project moves forward, the project will generate revenue on undevelopable town property. It will also reduce town operating electrical expenses."

The proposal comes as New York State is pushing to increase its renewable energy, most notably with several offshore wind farms in various stages of development off the coast of Long Island.

The plan comes about a year after the town enacted a moratorium on new solar farms within its borders. The company pitched a 25-year lease on the land that would generate more than \$3.6 million for the town. Aguiar said the next step is for the company to sign a non-disclosure agreement with the town.

"If the town is interested and wants to engage us to actually go ahead and do it, we will dive in," said David Froelich, the director of business development at CVE's Manhattan-based North American office, who called turning a landfill into a solar farm "an environmental win-win."

Teen Charged with Wading River Carjacking

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

A 15-year-old boy was arrested on April 18 for his role in the armed carjacking of a rideshare driver in Wading River last week, Riverhead Town Police said.

The boy, whose name was not released because he is a minor, was arraigned in Suffolk County youth court on a charge of first-degree robbery.

Officers responding to a 911 call about a suspicious man on East Woodland Drive learned upon arrival that the person was assaulted and forcibly removed from his vehicle by three assailants, two of whom displayed handguns, shortly after 2 a.m. April 13, police said.

The first suspect was wearing red pants and a red sweatshirt, the second suspect was dressed in all black, and the third suspect was wearing blue jeans and a black sweatshirt, according to police.

Riverhead police detectives are continuing the investigation and ask anyone who may have witnessed or has information regarding this crime to call the Riverhead Police Department Detective Division at 631-727-4500. All calls and information will remain confidential.

DAN'S COLUMN

Hamptonville

BY DAN RATTINER

This November, East and South-Hampton town residents will find a referendum on their ballots that, if approved, will provide tens of millions of dollars in new funding every year to help local people own or rent homes here. Currently, they cannot. Real estate prices are too high. The locals move away, and the fabric of our hometown culture is torn asunder. This is not only a problem for those leaving, it is also a problem for those who offer employment in the Hamptons. Employers cannot find workers.

Here's a personal story. When I first moved out here in the 1960s, I bought a small 800-square-foot cottage in the estate section of East Hampton for \$9,000. Brokers told me it should have sold for \$14,000 and that I'd gotten it at a bargain. I lived in it for three years, then sold it for a huge profit. I got \$23,000 for it.

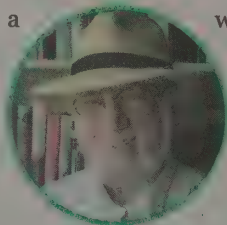
In subsequent years, the cottage was sold again and again and about six years ago, still 800 square feet, it sold for \$1.2 million. Last year, the cottage was demolished and replaced by a McMansion ten times its original size which is now for sale for about \$5 million.

A few people like me can tell you these stories. But others cannot. Someone paid them \$1 million for their home and off they go. Had they stuck around, as I did, they'd probably be able to sell the same house now for \$3 million. It's crazy.

Some of those leaving, still loving this place, find homes nearby that they can afford in Mastic-Shirley, Manorville or Moriches and then commute 45 minutes each way to a job in the Hamptons. Burn a lot of gasoline. Others have moved upstate or to North Carolina. And so our hometown culture vanishes. We become merely a home for the rich, and those who serve them (who cannot find help.)

Here are the specifics on this No-

vember referendum. The new tax will require that all real estate transactions exceeding \$400,000 be taxed 1/4% of the amount over that threshold. For example, a buyer purchasing a home for \$1.4 million would pay 1/4% of \$1 million, or \$3,500. This is no big deal on a \$1.4 million sale. But, had it been in effect in 2021 in Southampton, it would have brought in a total of \$10 million.



A further aspect of the law would allow towns to participate in home sales to qualified buyers by providing up to 50% of the funding for the purchase. The town would retain this 50% ownership and its equity for future sales.

As you probably know, currently a tax of 2% is collected on all Hamptons real estate transactions that exceed \$250,000. The money raised, called CPF (for Community Preservation Fund), is used to buy open space. In our example, this tax on a \$1.4 million transaction brings in \$28,000. Over the last 20 years, this tax has generated nearly \$2 billion. The results have been new parks, beaches, fields, woods, farms, homes, workshops and studios of departed famous people such as Jackson Pollock, the Dominy family clockmakers, and painters Thomas Moran and John Little, all now turned into study centers and museums. These enrich the towns. These are all wonderful amenities. The former home and studio of novelist John Steinbeck in Sag Harbor is now being considered for purchase.

Here are ways this new proposed 1/4% tax, called CHF (for Community Housing Fund) could be spent.

A winery or farm could build a town-subsidized building for its workers.

A local person could build a subsidized cottage on his property for his children or parent.

A farmer or fisherman could receive funds to build a small cottage for rental income on his property.

A homeowner could receive funds to create a small apartment inside his home for family members or rental



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In rural areas that are undeveloped in Noyac or Northwest, whole communities of small cottages could be built, owned by the towns and rented out to people who come here and work as firemen, ambulance drivers, hospital workers, nurses, lifeguards and police officers. Call these new towns East Hamptonville and South Hamptonville.

Low-cost housing developments could spring up on the highway. One is a 9.4-acre parcel, formerly the Southampton Full Gospel Church on the Southampton Bypass where a proposed 64-unit, low-cost housing project has languished in the Southampton building department for five years without approvals. Current laws block such a project.

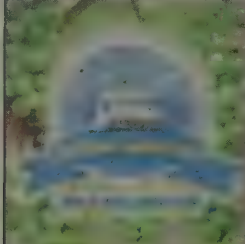
Or how about someone building a mansion on a site currently occupied by a teardown? Require that they pay to move the teardown away so it could be reused. The de Menils did this with historic cottages in East Hampton.

Present law 255-11-23 in East Hampton Town currently prohibit bathrooms or kitchens in detached

artist studios on single family parcels for fear they'd be used as rentals. Repeal this law. New zoning laws passed could encourage rentals and small home sales next to larger ones. Current laws do the opposite.

I recently vacationed in Hawaii. A front-page story in the local daily newspaper on Oahu celebrated the opening of kama'oku, a cluster of 37 tiny homes, each just 10 feet by 10 feet. They have doors and windows, a bed, a desk, a chair and a bookcase. The state owns and rents out these homes for \$500 per month. A separate building on the property has a dining room, kitchen, bathrooms and living rooms available to the tenants. And if a tenant can't pay the \$500, the island will pay it for them. The project is for people who find themselves homeless, for a time, currently sleeping in their cars or in tents on sidewalks.

In anticipation of our vote in November here, a group called Affordable Community Housing (or ACH) is holding an all-day session with legislators, developers, bankers and local leaders on May 19 at The Church in Sag Harbor, at 48 Madison Street, with a final "town hall" session free for all at the end. Attend the whole day for \$35.



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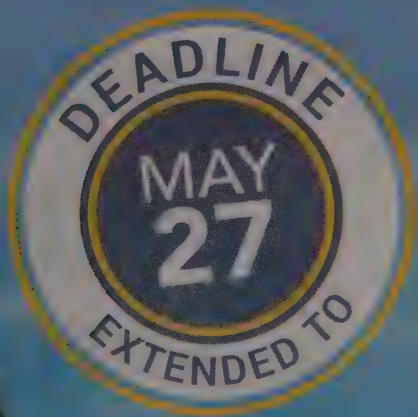
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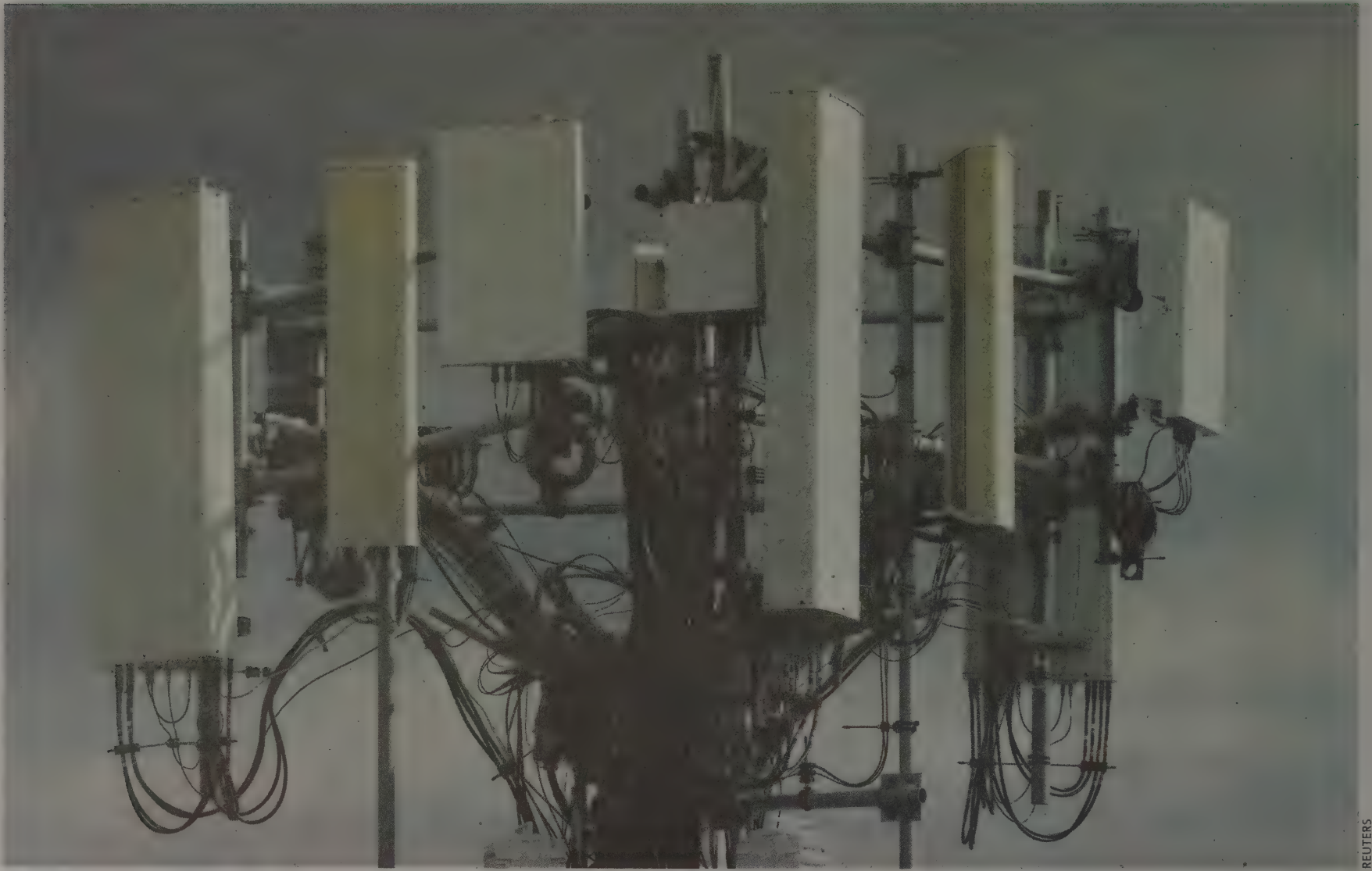
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CELL SERVICE IS INFAMOUSLY SPOTTY ACROSS THE TWIN FORKS

Towers of Trouble: East End Signal Crunch Won't Improve Any Time Soon

BY BERNADETTE STARZEE

Most people can agree that mobile service on the East End is lacking, a problem that was exacerbated when city folk flocked east and more East Enders started working from home during the pandemic. But while there is general agreement that better cellular service is needed, no one wants a cell tower to be placed in their backyard.

Proposals for various towers are in the works to meet service demand, but these projects have been slowed by local opposition, and the East End is facing another high season with spotty cell service that is inconvenient at best, and dangerous at worst.

East Hampton

Last fall, the Town of East Hampton published comments it received from hundreds of residents in a poll about cell service. The majority were adamant that service needs to improve.

"I rely on my cellphone for ALL communication and if I need a 911 call, I'm afraid I'll not be able to get a signal," one respondent said. "I cannot even send a

text message most of the time and in the summer it's impossible. A disgrace and absolutely ridiculous."

Another commented, "I am a physician and see our current lack of wireless service in Springs and NW Woods as a public safety issue that must be fixed immediately."

But several initiatives by the town to improve cell service have been met with fierce opposition, and in some cases litigation.

The project that appears closest to getting done is a proposed tower at Camp Blue Bay, a Springs property owned by the Girl Scouts of Nassau County. In December 2021, the East Hampton town board approved an agreement to erect an emergency communications tower at the site, and Town Supervisor Peter Van Scoyoc was authorized to enter into a contract with wireless infrastructure company American Tower to install the town's emergency communications equipment on the new tower, which will be built near the intersection of Flaggy Hold Road and Three Mile Harbor Road.

The East Hampton Planning Department expects to receive the site plan application soon, according to Senior Planner Eric Schantz. Then, several additional

steps will be required before the tower can be built.

"(The application) would be reviewed by our department and our consultants at CityScape," Schantz said, referring to the town's wireless communication consulting firm. "It would require a public hearing before the town planning board."

An application to construct a new tower on Springs Fire Department property on Fort Pond Boulevard is also in the pipeline. The fire department, in partnership with East Patchogue-based Elite Towers, has proposed a 180-foot monopole that would replace a 150-foot stealth monopole currently on its property that a court order declared was illegally built.

"The Springs Fire Department application is incomplete and we are waiting for them to submit a draft environmental impact statement, which would analyze all of the potential adverse impacts of the project," Schantz said.

A third proposal for a cell tower, to be built by AT&T at St. Peter's Chapel on Old Stone Highway in Springs, has been tied up in litigation. Homeowners near the property recently filed a lawsuit claiming the town board overstepped its authority in agreeing to a

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HAMPTONS CELL SERVICE MAY REQUIRE AN UNSIGHTLY CELL TOWER

settlement with AT&T, which stemmed from a previous lawsuit filed by the communications giant after its application to build a tower was denied by the town planning board.

Southampton

After much heated debate, Southampton Town's planning board voted in February 2022 to accept a pre-submission application from Verizon Wireless for a 153-foot monopole on a Sag Harbor Village property off the Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike that is directly adjacent to the Long Pond Greenbelt, a nature preserve. Plans call for the tower to be disguised as a tree.

Currently, the town is awaiting a site plan/special exception application from Verizon, according to Assistant Town Planning Director Clare P. Shea.

"Once we receive it, it would usually take four to six months to process if it meets the standards for approval," Shea said.

Riverhead

The Town of Riverhead granted a special permit and site plan approval to Crown Castle Towers, a Houston-based company, to erect a new 120-foot monopole on a one-acre vacant lot on Fresh Pond Road in Calverton that will take the place of two existing Crown Castle towers on different sites, which the company would dismantle. However, the plan is on hold indefinitely due to pending litigation.

Crown Castle's leases on the two existing properties were expiring, and the company said it couldn't come to

terms with the property owners on renewals. The Riverhead Zoning Board of Appeals granted the company variances to erect the new tower but conditioned its approvals on Crown Castle providing covenants preventing competitive structures from being constructed on the two existing properties. As covenants restricting the use of real property must be executed by the property's owners, Crown Castle said the conditions placed on approval were impossible, and it sued the town for "effective denial" and "unreasonable delays."

North Fork

The Town of Southold is exploring the possibility of contracting to have receiving cells installed on utility

poles to boost connectivity on the North Fork.

The town plans to issue a Request for Proposals to have a private company come in and evaluate the effectiveness of the cells and to present a plan for improving coverage, Southold Town Supervisor Scott Russell said.

"We have been talking to carriers and private companies," he said. "One of the issues we are realizing is that we need to overcome the legal challenges that you see in other communities by developing a plan that addresses concerns prior to any presentation, not after. If we can't show the companies that we support the projects, as a community then, they won't be interested in trying to come into town and be met with the cost of litigation and the delays it would cause."

"I rely on my cell phone for all communication and if I need to make a 911 call, I'm afraid I'll not be able to get a signal," one resident said.

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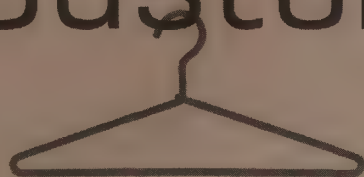
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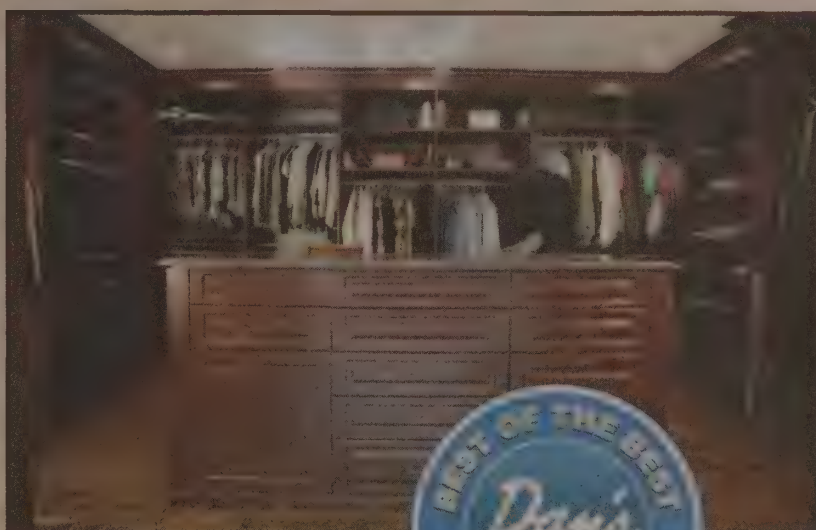
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'I Wanted to Do Something': Real Estate Agents Help Ukraine



JULIE CROWLEY, WHO IS THE PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HAMPTON BAYS AND AN ASSOCIATE BROKER WITH SAUNDERS AND ASSOCIATES, HOLDS A BOX OF DONATIONS FOR UKRAINE AT A ROTARY MEETING.

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

It's been more than two months since Russia invaded Ukraine and as we watch the devastating acts in horror many on the East End have been moved to action.

Julie Crowley, a licensed associate real estate broker at Saunders & Associates, is one of those people. As a member of the Rotary Club of Hampton Bays, she has led an effort to collect items and deliver them to the St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Riverhead. When we first spoke to Crowley a month ago, the church had delivered more than 20 tons of supplies to Ukraine. That figure has more than doubled now.

"With these difficult times, people want to reach out and help. Collectively, these donations mean a lot to the people in Ukraine and their friends and relatives here on the East End," Crowley said.

The Hampton Bays Rotary placed a collection box at Good Ground Cleaners, a member's store. "Once the box fills up with items that our club and people of the community drop off, the items are delivered to the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Riverhead. This church delivers them to Ukraine and then once in Ukraine the items get sorted and delivered where it

is needed most," she said.

"In our business," Crowley continued, referring to real estate, "we are so geared toward finding homes and places for people to be safe, happy and healthy — to imagine people who are being displaced ... they are on a train, they are on a bus, they are walking, they are going somewhere else and not knowing where they are going. That is so unsettling to me."

Crowley has been a member for nearly six years, though she has been involved with the organization for 34 years through her husband's longstanding involvement. She is president-elect, set to take over on July 1. Her husband is a district nominee, which means he is going to be the district governor of District 7255, which encompasses all of Long Island.

Though local work has mainly centered around promoting water safety and water sanitation, they were moved to find a way to help Ukrainians.

"I'm trying to understand what is happening there. I'm putting myself in their shoes and how I would feel. I wanted to do something physically," Crowley explained, adding she hopes to inspire others to action.

Rotary International, the largest service organization in the world, has created an official channel for Rotary members and other donors to support relief



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN RIVERHEAD HAS BEEN SHIPPING SUPPLIES TO UKRAINE IN DROVES THANKS TO DONATIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY.

efforts. The Rotary Foundation has designated the Disaster Response Fund, which, so far, has raised \$10.5 million, funds that are being distributed to rotary districts that apply for disaster response grants that will be used to provide relief to refugees or other victims of the crisis, including items such as water, food, shelter, medicine and clothing.

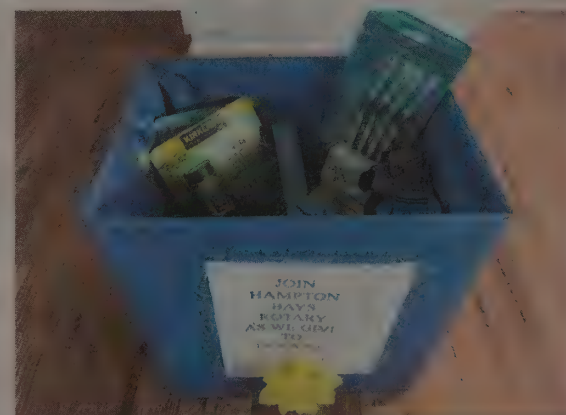
Rotary International consists of about 1.4 million members and 46,000 clubs all over the world that work to promote peace, fight disease and help families at risk. Focused efforts include providing clean water, sanitation, hygiene, education and more.

Crowley and her husband were just joined in the local rotary club by their daughter, Anna Crowley, who is also her partner in real estate. Together they have formed The Julie Crowley Team.

Real estate brokerages have also answered the call to donate money. Douglas Elliman matched the \$50,000 raised through agents and supporters.

At The Corcoran Group, fundraising took place through its initiative Corcoran Cares for a nonprofit organization called United Help Ukraine, whose mission is to receive and widely distribute donations to Ukrainians in serious need. Corcoran also matched the first \$10,000 collected.

Brown Harris Stevens sponsored a fundraising effort with the International Rescue Committee and made a \$10,000 contribution with a goal of raising \$40,000 from our agents, staff and network. So far, it's raised a bit over \$43,175.



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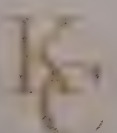


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Spring Cleaning for Your Emotional Wellness

By Catherine Canadeo

Springtime is the perfect season for positive change and inner growth. Like the seasons, our bodies change and adjust in a set yearly cycle. In the winter, it can be easy to get into routines that are somnolent and slow, making it challenging to choose a healthy conscious lifestyle. We all want to be happier and healthier and Spring is the perfect time to care of yourself.

My clients often ask, "Where do I begin?" Self-Care is the new Health Care, and it all begins with you! Here are some ways how to manage your life and get healthier.

Small Changes Make a Big Difference.

Taking small steps builds a habit rather than just a one-time change. To revive your holistic health habits, there are certain steps you should focus on:

Spring Cleaning Your Goals: Mind and Body Connection

Remember all those goals you set at the start of the year? How's it going so far? Chances are you've been able to remain consistent with one or more changes you've made. But if you're struggling to make progress don't be too hard on yourself.

Review the goal itself. Is it clearly defined? Is it broken down into manageable pieces? Be honest with yourself. It may be that this goal doesn't align with your values anymore. That's not a failure; it's natural growth. Relax and give yourself permission to let this one go.

Spring Cleaning your Habits: Practice Gratitude to Manage Stress

True inspiration resides at the spiritual side of health. Knowing and acting on your "why" is critical to living each day with gratitude and joy. When it comes to assessing your habits this spring, it might help to think in categories.

What are my sleep habits? How can I alter my routine so I start each day feeling more rested?

What are my financial habits? What is one change I can make to bring more peace and consistency to my finances?

What are my work habits? What is one shift I can make to reduce stress and increase my enjoyment?

What are my physical activity habits? Is there a new type of movement I want to try?

Spring Cleaning Your Self-Care: Self-Care is Self-Preservation

Self-care is an essential component of emotional wellness. It reduces stress, restores and re-energizes.

Pull up your calendar. Are self-care activities represented there, along with your other responsibilities? Consistent self-care is key. If a certain strategy is working well for you, keep it up!

Spring Cleaning Your Relationships: Healthy Supportive Relationships:

Start by developing the relationship you have with



Catherine Canadeo, Health and Wellness Coach

yourself. When you find ways to nurture and love yourself, you will be better able to communicate your needs to others.

Think of the people you spend the most time with. How do you feel when you are with them? What do your family relationships look like? How are you connecting with your co-workers? Do you try to socialize with your friends? Is there a relationship you wish to grow or deepen?

Make Springtime the best time to rejuvenate yourself and become the best version of you.

Catherine Canadeo is a board-certified and nationally recognized holistic health and wellness coach, life coach, and integrative nutritionist. She has coached and consulted with hundreds of private clients, not for profits, and corporations throughout the United States. Her concierge program focuses on wellness for corporate executives.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Honoring This Week's Cover Artist:

Nick Cordone



NICK CORDONE IN HIS STUDIO

BY DAVID TAYLOR

The impactful art on this week's cover was painted by Nick Cordone of Southold, who felt moved to address the situation in Ukraine with his brush. Here, he discusses the power of art to enact change, a North Fork art show raising funds for the Ukrainian people, and more.

What inspired you to paint "Ukraine ... Live Free or Die" in response to the conflict in Ukraine?

As with most observers, the invasion of Russia into the Ukraine is very upsetting. This painting

is one of a smaller bundle of paintings within my larger series titled "Do Animals Daydream?" (This series expresses the cognitive similarities between animals and humans. ... Animals and humans have indicated cognitive similarities in their thoughts and actions. As humans, we love, dislike, assimilate, aspire, enjoy humor and music, etc. and science is finding that animals are expressing similar cognitive thinking.)

This painting reflects the situation in Ukraine. The people of Ukraine's personal freedom is in jeopardy. The freedom of the fish above the control of the bowl, along with the colors of the Ukraine flag, express my thoughts of "freedom versus control."

I am so very impressed by the "Molon Labe" attitude of the Ukrainian people against the Russian aggressors. Their strength and fortitude express their love for their country.

How was this piece created? Walk us through your creative process.

My creative process starts with thoughts concerning a subject. I select a storyline and then start to write out some ideas which leads to many, many thumbnail sketches. Research and reference of images then follows. I then work on an actual-size composition along with a value study to indicate the forms and lighting direction. Consideration of color combinations follow and the painting process begins. My process sounds pretty pragmatic but along the way "change happens."

What are your thoughts on the power of art to enact change?

Throughout history, the influence of art in the form of painting, sculpture, architecture, fashion, music, etc. has always been thought-provoking for the viewer and has often affected change. As an artist, we offer our opinion, in our own way, and hope that the viewer will come away with new insight concerning our subject.

What artistic accomplishment are you most proud of?

I am just pleased that someone would look at my artwork and find it interesting and thought-provoking. That, to me, is a major accomplishment, one that makes me feel like all my years of effort counted for something. I feel validated.

What is one artistic goal you hope to accomplish this year?

I don't make any specific plans for the upcoming calendar. I am thinking about my artwork throughout the day and night and will continue to do so throughout the days ahead. My observations will bring about new ideas, which I'll be able to express in my own fashion.



NICK CORDONE'S "TA DAH!" (DO ANIMALS SHARE A SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT?)

What do you find most rewarding about being an artist?

The best part of being an artist is the fact that I can do whatever I want creatively. And if my work doesn't sell or is not appreciated, well so be it, I'll just go ahead and create something new. It's not going to stop me from creating.

Would you like to share any closing thoughts or additional info?

This painting, along with 29 other works of art, will be exhibited at the William Ris Gallery in Jamesport starting April 30. The exhibit is titled *Hearts and Souls: An Exhibit for Solidarity*. Proceeds from the sale of the artwork will be donated to the charitable organization Razom for Ukraine ("Razom" meaning "Together"). I urge all of you to stop by to view the artwork and perhaps purchase a piece as a donation to such a worthy, timely cause. More of my work can be seen at the William Ris Gallery throughout the year, as well as on my website, nickcordone.com.



NICK CORDONE'S "I MAY NOT BE KING, BUT SOMEONE SHOULD BOW WHEN I PASS BY" (DO ANIMALS EXPRESS PERSONAL EGO?)



NICK CORDONE'S "SNOWY SISTERS" (DO ANIMALS DISCUSS THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE?)

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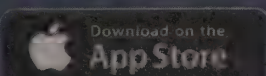
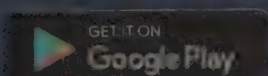
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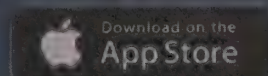
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Evan Brownstein Shows Chainsaw Sculpture at Duck Creek

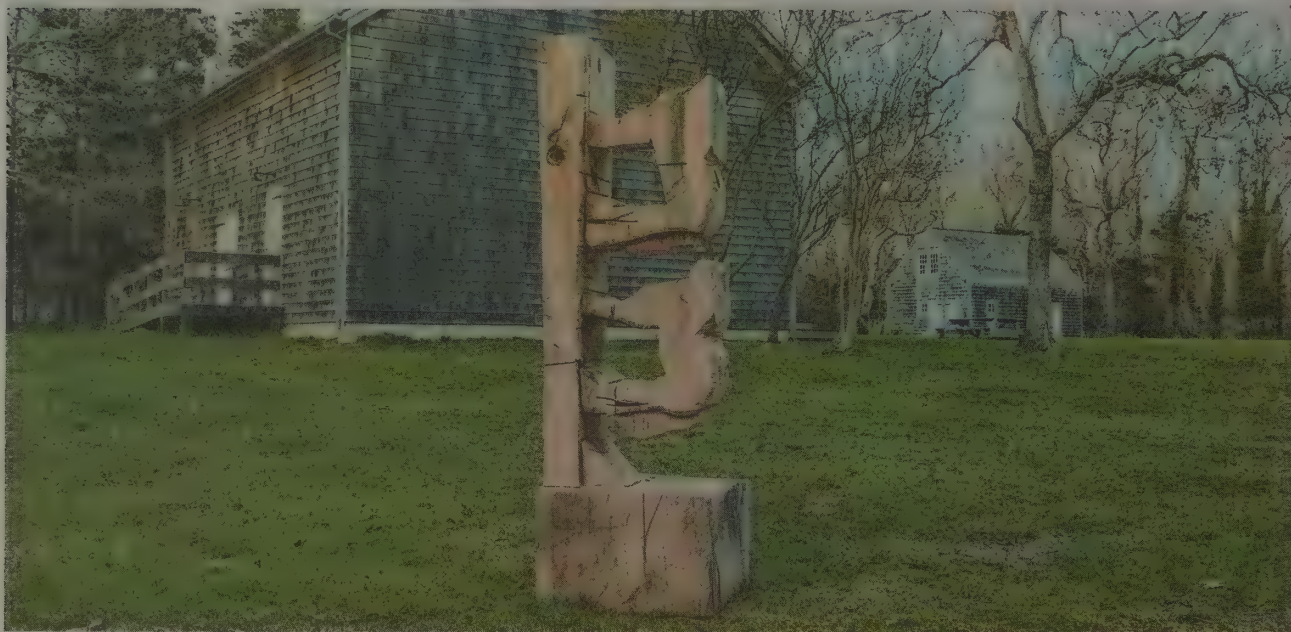


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EVAN BROWNSTEIN, "UNTITLED (TOWARDS A MORE COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF CALM)," 2022, WALNUT

BY OLIVER PETERSON

The Arts Center at Duck Creek in East Hampton debuted a new outdoor, site-specific collection of sculptures by Evan Brownstein last weekend and it offers something of a master class about how location, material and a particular moment in time can define a body of work.

On view through June 26, *Hannah...Hector...Henry...Hermes...* features a series of Brownstein's wood sculpture, all created using a chainsaw and large trees on the grounds of Duck Creek and a neighboring property owned by local artist Mica Marder in Springs. The rough-hewn, gestural works channel the region's deep connections with Abstract Expressionism, while also speaking to a very physical sense of place, as demonstrated by Brownstein's energetic mark making and the decades-old, local oak, walnut and maple trees from which his pieces are formed.

A photographer who began working with wood using more traditional, refined techniques over the past eight years in Los Angeles, Brownstein started exploring the chainsaw by necessity after the pandemic hit.

"That's a really important part of the show and part of the underlying theme," he says, noting that he took to photography at 10 years old and continued until he tried making sculpture about a decade ago. "I was working in a wood shop and doing fine finished pieces...using fine furniture techniques," Brownstein says, adding, "I was always tied to a facility (wood shop or dark-room) for my whole life, and if that facility was closed, I basically wasn't

working. So, when COVID hit L.A. and everything closed, I spent the first two weeks in my house like everybody else, trying to figure out what was going on. But when I got the bug to start working again, really the chainsaw was the only tool that was available to me, because all the facilities were closed."

Before the pandemic led him to leave California and head to the Hamptons, where he spent summers while growing up in NYC, Brownstein was already well into honing his chainsaw skills. "I started bringing wood into this abandoned lot in Little Armenia in L.A., and I just started making sculpture with a chainsaw. Because of that, all of these marks I'm making on this material, it's really tied to time and place in a way that feels pretty important to me, because the chainsaw entered my work as a result of circumstance," he says.

"When COVID hit, I basically came

here to get away from it," he continues, pointing out that he arrived last winter and built a studio in the woods of Amagansett in order to continue the work he started during lockdown in L.A. By then, he'd grown to enjoy the chainsaw, both the act of using it and the results it produced.

"I'd always been jealous of painters who could set up wherever and just get to work, where I didn't have that kind of freedom or luxury (with photography and fine woodworking). It felt super liberating to just be able to make work wherever I wanted, whenever I wanted," Brownstein recalls, adding, "The chainsaw is also a really aggressive tool so there's probably some kind of catharsis amid all of the shit that was going on, because of the physicality and how rugged the tool is."

Soon, the artist had new works underway and he applied for a show at Duck Creek, but the community-oriented arts center declined his application because Brownstein had only been in town for a short time. This season, however, fate intervened in the form of a large, dead walnut tree East Hampton Town felled on the art center's property. Executive Director Jess Frost remembered Brownstein used a chainsaw and she invited him to come "give it a second life." Plans for his show soon followed.

From that tree, Brownstein carved the first piece in the show, "Talaria," a 7-foot sculpture based on the winged sandal of Hermes, messenger of the Greek gods. He was also able to make three carved chairs and a second sculpture, "Untitled (towards a more complete understanding of calm)," before moving on to different wood.

Each piece in *Hannah...Hector...Henry...Hermes...* beautifully demonstrates the chainsaw's ability to make expressive strokes in the wood, layered with Brownstein's deliberate gestures, the wood's natural grain, imperfections from years of growth and the cracks and weathering (checks and silvering) that come with time outside in this specific place. The final product is a symphony of marks — purposeful, accidental and natural — and it couldn't exist in quite the same way anywhere else in the world.

Brownstein says he smoothed, polished and sealed his early chainsaw pieces, which had their own arresting beauty, but he recognized the power of this rougher, raw-wood approach. "The finished pieces, when they're shiny and smooth and waxed, they're just so easily beautiful in an impressive way, like an ooh and ahh kind of way," he acknowledges. "And it was hard for me to put that away. You get such satisfaction from the viewer when it's all shiny and smooth, so it took some time for me to be like, OK, that's not the only way to make this thing powerful and beautiful."

The sculptures at Duck Creek, Brownstein says, will continue to age and turn gray through the natural "silvering" process, like an old dock on Accabonac Harbor, adding, "Over the season, or two seasons, those will silver and finish themselves naturally."

In other words, this work has just begun to evolve.

Hannah...Hector...Henry...Hermes... is on view now at The Arts Center at Duck Creek, 127 Squaw Road, Springs, East Hampton. Visit duckcreekarts.org for more info.



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

'Mirror Man': Ginew Benton's Horror Film Reflects Dark History

BY DAVID TAYLOR

"Mirror Man," a 2022 short horror film by Ginew Benton, has been gaining traction at film festivals across the country, and its Hamptons roots run deep ... deep into the mass graves of bygone residential schools.

"Residential schools came about with the idea of 'kill the Indian, save the man,' and it was all about taking away all of our children from our communities because we practiced our traditional way of life," explains Benton, a Hamptons-based director of Ojibway heritage. "They knew in one generation, if they could take all of our children, cut our hair, beat us every time we spoke our language or practiced anything other than Christianity," he continues, describing methods of forced assimilation. "There were kids who were more strong-willed than that, and those were most often the children who were murdered."

As a Native American, Benton had plenty of motivation to bring to light the atrocities committed in U.S. residential schools as a means of extinguishing a sense of Indigenous identity, a practice painfully similar to the situation in Ukraine today; however, a familial connection to the subject proved too great a motivation to ignore.

"I really started thinking about my kookum (a Cree term of endearment for his maternal grandmother) ... she was a residential school survivor," he says. "And we say 'survivor' because they were the only schools to have cemeteries; we call them survivors because there are no graduates, and we acknowledge the horrific nightmares that happened at these residential schools to all of the children."

With his late grandmother's experience to share, Benton wrote the "Mirror Man" script between 2018–2019, taking elements from various communities to form a "generalized true story" that would, hopefully, ring true to anyone who survived their story. The film's narrative structure, too, was influenced by his grandmother.

"What it felt like when she would tell her stories was like literally taking you by the hand and walking you through a haunted house ... you go from room to room, and every room has a theme and a certain thing that happens in that room, and you get scared," he explains. "I was thinking to myself, 'Maybe I want to make this

film that literally is how I felt when my grandmother would talk about it.'"

To that end, "Mirror Man" begins by introducing its audience to the house manager of a renovated former Hamptons residential school who is spooked by a shadowy figure in the mirror and calls the police to inspect the potential break-in. The officer, an

his family advised him to not hold back on the intensity of the imagery, if he truly wanted to take responsibility for the story. "Tell everything, brother, that's what they said," Benton shares, adding that the finished film received a more touching reception. "When I put everything in there that I wanted to, my mom said, 'Your kookum would

which was filmed by cinematographer Bryan Downey and starred Benton due to actor scheduling conflicts — "Mirror Man" was shot entirely by Benton on his iPhone 12. This allowed him to get especially creative with the shots and camera movements he was now able to pull off (and it also earned him a job at LTV Studios, making iPhone documentaries on local communities and teaching students how to do the same).

"I wanted to try to utilize techniques that I had known with the actual moving image. A lot of it is shot composition, tone, coloring, art direction and cinematography," he says, adding that he much prefers being behind the camera. "I really wanted to take control with this film and direct other people who are motivated and also wish to tell the story, as well."

Benton adds that packaging this Indigenous history as a uniquely written and filmed horror flick allows it to reach a wider audience than those who might watch a purely educational documentary on the topic. "I like taking something that's deeply rooted in our traditional oral history and bringing it into more of a modern American style of filmmaking," he says. "It's a strategy in order to make something like a modern horror film, but then slide in that historical accuracy, where it's entertaining and people want to watch it because it's engaging, but you slip in the lesson of the story."

"Mirror Man" certainly is reaching a wider audience in the film festival circuit. It is an official selection of the Latino & Native American Film Festival, a summer finalist for Best Horror Film at the one-day Austin After Dark Film Festival, was a nominated finalist at the Niagara Falls International Short Festival, won Best Short Film at NatiVisions Film Festival, won Best Horror Short at Tokyo Shorts, won Best Cellphone Short at Miami International Science Fiction Festival (MiSciFi) and won the Russell Bates Award for Indigenous Sc-Fi at MiSiFi, which Benton also won for "Looking Glass."

In accepting his second win from the Russell Bates family, he humbly admitted that he'd rather present the award to someone new next year, than win a third time. "I want more Indigenous people to create science fiction — to create our stories in new and exciting ways," he shares.

As for his other awards and accolades, "they all mean exactly the same" to him. "It's all a reflection of your progress and where you were in a particular time and a particular place," he says, though he admits, "When you're acknowledged by peers, it would make anyone feel good."



THE "MIRROR MAN" POSTER

Indigenous woman, is seen attempting to rush to the call when her daughter stops her to insist that she wears a megis (cowrie shell) necklace meant to remind her of her spiritually-minded culture. When she arrives, she hears the ghostly voices and footsteps of children as the man in the mirror opens her eyes to a montage of horrors from the school's past.

Upon seeing his first cut of the film,

be proud of you for telling her story."

"Mirror Man" was filmed at the Shinnecock-owned property on Sugar Loaf Hill, recently turned over to the nation after a 30-year battle to protect the sacred burial ground beneath the property — a fitting location. It stars Susanne Bone, Dylan Carusona and Greg Punda.

A stark contrast from Benton's 2020 short sci-fi film "Looking Glass" —



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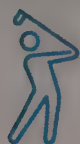
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Victoria's SECRETS

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With a school break, it made it possible for me to take my daughters and three grandchildren away for a wonderful week together in Scottsdale, Arizona.

I'd been with them to Scottsdale B.C. (BEFORE COVID), but this year flying into the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport on American Airlines made me realize the airlines are packing us in and are completely sold out. I've even received offers to "buy" back my seat!

We arrived to 90-degree weather and soft breezes rushing into our bathing suits for a swim in The Westin's multiple pools.

Jonah (13), Morgan (13) and Addy (11) are great friends and love spending time together. But we still missed Blake, who was touring colleges, as well as Hudson and Sloane, who did not have an Easter/Passover break from school.

Scottsdale is a city with one-story homes whose exteriors are mostly "earth" colors. I loved seeing the area's many large cactus plants that look like statues throughout the landscape.

Sadly, there were not as many as I remembered from our last trip, but palm trees abound, which reminded me of my marvelous time in Palm Beach, Florida, this winter.

Although The Westin's pool was

A+ for Arizona

our daily treat, we did get to go horseback riding at a nearby ranch as the sun set.

As an added treat to my western vacation, I visited good friends Jerry and Carol Levin, who have a "compound" on the grounds of the world renowned and luxurious Canyon Ranch in Tucson.

The couple and I had seen each other in Seattle to meet the great artist Chihuly and then at the National Yiddish Theatre Folksbiene's fundraising gala honoring Barry Manilow, whose show, "Harmony: A New Musical," we had the opportunity to preview.

But I jumped at the opportunity to see them again!

I took a 2 ½-hour drive southwest of Scottsdale to Tucson. Despite the long drive, it was a delight to see my friends again!

To step into Carol and Jerry's lives is to be embraced by the most special people! How lucky am I!

Their home in Tucson has a main house with huge plate glass windows that is surrounded by cactus "sculptures" and overlooks the majestic Catalina mountains, as well as a guest house that includes Jerry's office. He still sits on many boards and runs companies from his office, holding Zoom meeting after Zoom meeting.

As business people, we have reinvented how we do business and I jokingly say, "I've turned from a Boomer into a Zoomer!"

Between the two houses is a yoga studio that Carol had built and I was happy to be a student there, taking a class with her and her vis-



Morgan preparing for a sunset ride!

iting granddaughter Laila.

Her talented and respected hatha yoga instructor has the unique legal name, Bonne Cookie Baker. And guess what? She is a cookie baker!

We had an hour of stretches that felt so good and took the tension and stiffness out of my neck after my lengthy airplane flight and a long drive. I told her she should record her sessions and create videos so her students can keep up with her great guidance.

I'd visited the Canyon Ranch Spa property in Lenox, where I spent a mother-daughter weekend many years ago.

Here, the multiple buildings are built as if they hug the earth, all crimson-colored that match the earthy tones around them.

We all had services in the spa. Mine included a rejuvenating massage and a precious facial that cleansed my skin.

In the spa is a hot tub, which I sat in, and a cold tub that I just

looked at! There is also a steam room, a sauna and relaxation rooms. I used one outdoors to feel the hot sun warm my bones and body. What a treat!

It was only an overnight stay, but we had a precious time together.

I got back to Scottsdale for a fun hibachi dinner with my family. They squealed, laughed and shivered as the chef lit up the grill with flames from the fires he created. It's a communal meal they seem never bored by and I enjoy their joy!

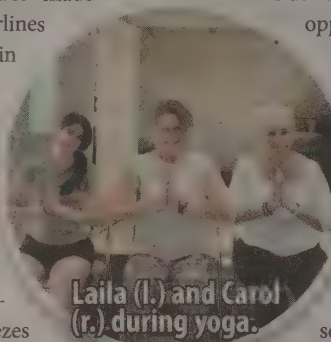
We had several great meals during the trip, my favorite being at Etta-Scottsdale Quarter, where we sat outdoors at a spacious round table and enjoyed the American cuisine that was brought course-by-course out from the kitchen as



Delicious dining!

soon as it was ready.

We shared all the dishes, including the scrumptious, soft and flavorful meatballs with a rich tomato sauce. They were so good, we ordered two more servings! We also had the perfectly seasoned, cut up chicken pieces on the bone, a serving of marvelous and creamy mashed potatoes and delicious des-



Laila (l.) and Carol (r.) during yoga.



Enjoying the Phoenix Suns game!

serts.

Dinners were our big evening activities except for one precious night at the Footprint Center arena.

We enjoyed our meal of hot dogs, chicken wings, popcorn and salty big pretzels as we cheered on the Phoenix Suns at their playoff basketball game in the sold out arena.

Many marvelous memories were made that week that I hope will be cherished for all our lifetimes!

Celebrating

My good friend Ted Vassilev, who I met in Palm Beach and who sponsored our Dan's Papers Palm Beach launch, invited me to lunch at the New York Athletic Club on Central Park South.

It was a glorious afternoon and members of the Appraisers Association of America were there for their 16th Annual Awards Luncheon.

To my delight, artist Hunt Slonem, whose work was featured on our first edition, joined us at the luncheon. He recently moved his studio from Brooklyn, to Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood, where I plan to visit him!

Nancy Olnick and Giorgio Spanu were recognized for their creation and support of artists with the Magazzino Italian Art Foundation, based in Putnam County.

My friend Pat Condren joined us after the lunch-

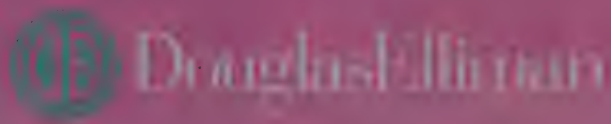


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eon and took me on a tour of the historic club's billiards room, rooftop deck, pool and multiple dining rooms!



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WOMEN MAKING WAVES

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 8 A.M.-12

NOON.

This empowering boating class was created just for women. You will learn about nautical terms, safety at sea and navigation basics.

62300 Main Road, Southold.

sonja@poemarine.com,

poemarine.com

THE IMMIGRANT EXPERIENCE ON THE EAST END

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 9 A.M.-NOON

Don't miss your chance for a guided tour of the Hallockville Museum Farm as well as an overview of immigration on Long Island presented by local historians and retired history professors. Tickets are \$50 for members and \$65 for non-members.

6038 Sound Avenue, Northville. 631-

295-5292, hallockville.org

SOUTHOLD OYSTER STAND

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 11 A.M.

Don't miss your first chance of the season to get your hands on fresh oysters, fruits and veggies at Deep Roots Farm. This organic, family-run farm is known for its clean food and friendly staff.

47685 NY-25, Southold. 631-745-7928, deeprootsfarmnofo.com

ENRICHING PROGRAMS

SPRING BRUNCH CLASS

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1 P.M.

Register ahead of time for specific instructions on joining this delectable Zoom opportunity with Chef Rob. You'll learn to make marscapone and strawberry-stuffed French toast and blueberry scones with a sweet orange drizzle.

27550 Main Road, Cutchogue. 631-734-6360, cutchoguelibrary.org

PAINT & SIP MAY 2022

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 1-2:30 P.M.

Join Maggie from Wine of a Kind at Pindar Vineyards for this special session. You'll get to hand-paint two wine glasses and all materials will be provided. The cost is \$40.

37645 Main Road, Peconic. 631-734-6200, pindar.net

FLOWER WOODEN WELCOME SIGN

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 6-8 P.M.

If you love to design your own home

accessories, you won't want to miss this class at the Southold Library, where you'll make a sweet flowered window box and a welcome sign. There is a non-refundable material fee of \$10.

53705 Main Road, Southold. 631-765-2077, southoldlibrary.org

ART EXHIBITIONS

HEARTS & SOULS

OPENING SATURDAY, APRIL 30

Don't miss this exciting collection of the works of more than 20 artists at the William Ris Gallery. A portion of the sales will go to a recognized global organization benefiting those in need as a result of the war in Ukraine.

2491 Main Road, Jamesport. 609-408-5203, williamris.com

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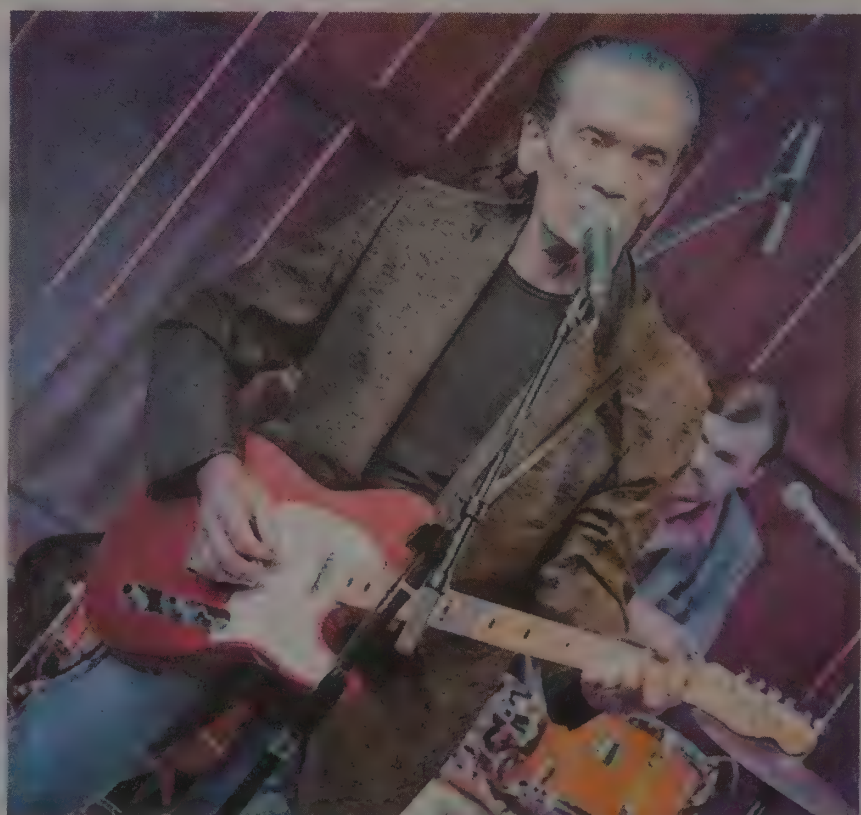
THROUGH MAY 1

Don't miss your last weekend to celebrate the opening of the Alex Ferrone Gallery's spring season with the *Unframed* exhibition. It will feature works on paper, canvas and wood as well as small sculptures and ceramic creations. The gallery will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from noon-5 p.m. or whenever the open flag is flying.

25425 Main Road, Cutchogue.

631-734-8545,

alexferronegallery.com



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TOP 5 FAMILY EVENTS TO CHECK OUT THIS WEEK

BAD ART NIGHT

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 3:30 P.M.

Kiddos ages 6 and up can get together with their friends and compete to see who can create the worst piece of art of the night. Snacks, voting and glitter are all a part of the crafty fun.

37 North Ferry Road, Shelter Island. 631-749-0042, shelterislandpubliclibrary.org

ROLLIN' WITH RAMBO ROLLER SKATE CLASS

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 3:45-4:45 P.M.

Your kiddos in grades 3-5 can have a wheel-y good time learning from ex-pro roller derby athlete Samantha Duane. The class is for beginner skaters and skates are available if you need one. The cost is \$20 per session.

102 Third Street, Greenport. 631-655-4586, projectmost.org/workshops-events

PROM DRESS SHOWCASE

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, NOON-4 P.M.

Before you spend money on that beautiful prom dress, check out the colorful selection at the Peconic Community Center that was donated by bridal stores as well as members of the community. If you find one you like, you can take it home for free.

1170 Peconic Lane, Peconic. 631-734-6360, cutchogue.librarycalendar.com

MONDAYS AT MADOO

MONDAY, MAY 2, 10-10:30 A.M.

You and your little one can enjoy the beauty of the Magnolia Bosque in the Madoo Conservatory while listening to storytellers from the Hampton Library. You can bring blankets, folding chairs, mats and a picnic lunch. Registration is required.

618 Sagg Main Street, Sagaponack. 631-537-0015, myhamptonlibrary.org

SHAKE AND MAKE MUSIC

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 9:30-10 A.M.

You and your little musician can shake, rattle and roll on over to the East Hampton Library, where they will get an egg shaker and bells that they can perform with while singing.

The class is for little ones from babies to 3 years old.

159 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0222, easthamptonlibrary.org

FAMILY FUN ATTRACTIONS ON THE EAST END

THE ALL-STAR

Beyond your typical bowling experience, The All-Star offers options like Hyperbowling, which is an impressive blend of electronics, lights and sensors that will take your kiddos' games to the next level. There's also an All-American grill with burgers, pizzas and drinks for all.

96 Main Road, Riverhead. 631-998-4234, theallstargrill.com

AMAGANSETT YOUTH PARK

Your kiddos can hop, skip and jump over to the Amagansett Youth Park in the rain or shine of spring. The facilities include picnic tables, a roller skating rink and a playground. On a chilly day, head into the clubhouse for the indoor play area and toddler arts center.

206 Town Lane, East Hampton. ehamptonny.gov/facilities/facility/details/Amagansett-Youth-Park-60

THE CLUBHOUSE

Kids can enjoy some serious entertainment at this East Hampton hot spot. Play classic arcade games like pinball and claw, as well as bowling lanes. And while you're there, chow down on some delicious burgers, apps and rustic pizzas.

174 Daniels Hole Road, East Hampton. 631-537-2695, clubhousehamptons.com

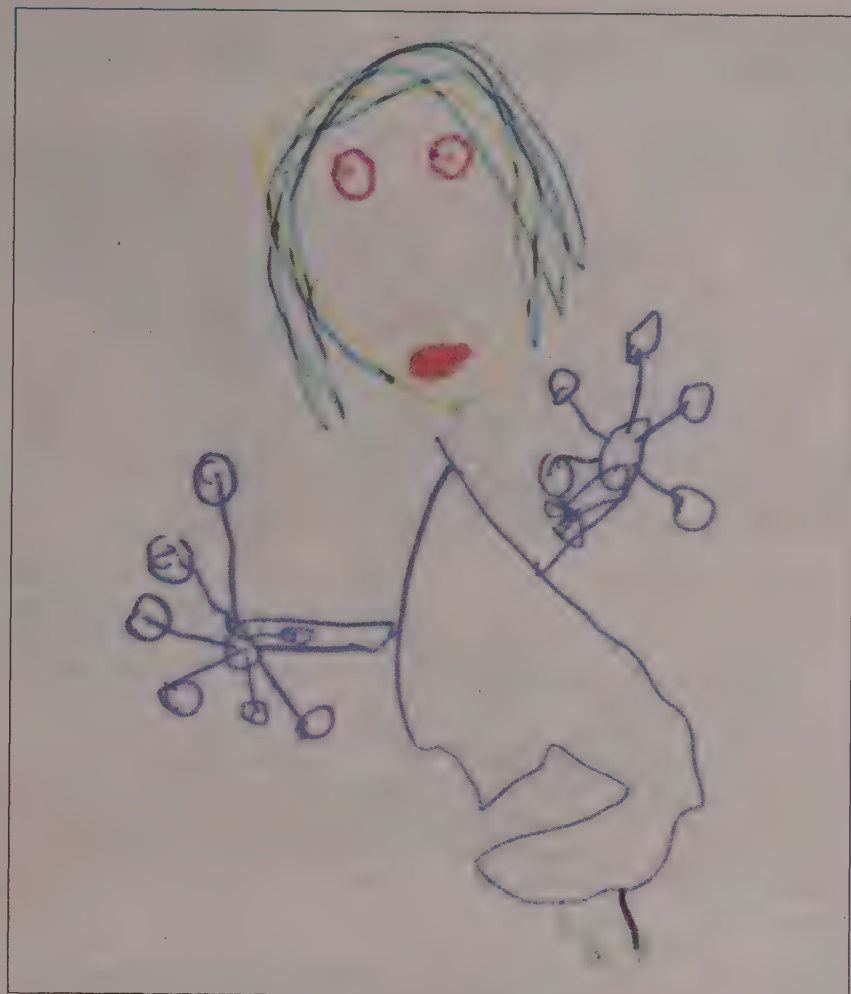
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The Morton Refuge is a special Hamptons outdoor destination, located on the 187 acres separating the Noyac and Little Peconic Bay.

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2595 Noyac Road, Sag Harbor. 631-725-7598, fws.gov/refuge/elizabeth-alexandra-morton

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GREENPORT CAROUSEL

This historic carousel is over 100 years old and a great place to visit with the kiddos if you're in the neighborhood. It's currently open on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

36 Third Street, Greenport. 631-477-2200, villageofgreenport.org

JOHN PAPAS CAFE

This classic luncheonette is a scrumptious choice when you've got little diners. Enjoy a tempting variety of Belgian waffles, pancakes and omelets for breakfast. Or splurge on tasty burgers or pita pizzas for lunch.

18 Park Place, East Hampton. 631-324-5400, johnpapascafe.net

NORTH HAVEN PARK

Known for being a great spot for tennis, this park also has a playground and small basketball court and a smaller hoop for little ones. Residents can enjoy a great discount and you'll rarely find a crowd.

355 Ferry Road, Sag Harbor. 631-725-1120, northhavenny.us

SIP'N SODA

Don't miss homemade ice cream, malteds and milkshakes right in the heart of Southampton. There are also melt-in-your-mouth breakfast and lunch options like grilled cheese and French toast that kiddos will be flippin' for.

40 Hampton Road, Southampton. 631-283-9752, sipnsoda.com

SOUTH FORK NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Introduce your curious child to the wonders of nature through recreated natural habitat exhibits, floor-to-ceiling murals and touch tanks with sea stars, crabs and urchins. The museum is open seven days a week from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

377 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-537-9735, sofo.org

SOUTHAMPTON GOLF RANGE

Check out this 18-hole mini-golf course complete with batting cages and a driving range. You can also stop by the snack bar for some classic burgers and fries.

699 County Road 39, Southampton. 631-283-2158, hamptonminigolf.com

FOOD & DRINK

East End Restaurant Reopenings & More



BY HARRY POWERS

This week, we're revisiting a classic recipe by Chef Drew Hiatt of The Preston House & Hotel: his delicious duck tortelli. But before you start cooking, start reading this week's East End foodie news bites.

Did you know that Mark Smith, managing partner of **Honest Management** (Nick & Toni's, Rowdy Hall, TownLine BBQ, La Fondita and Coche Comedor) spent two weeks feeding Ukrainian refugees in Poland who have been displaced by the Russian invasion of Ukraine? He suggests donating to Chef Jose Andres' World Central Kitchen.

K Pasa in Sag Harbor opposite

Long Wharf offers Taco Tuesday with selections such as asado chicken, Baja fish, carnitas, shrimp al pastor, black bean falafel, halloumi, and the eatery's signature Sloppy Rizo. **K Pasa** also has an exclusive Tuesday cocktail, the blueberry goddess, with gin, lime juice, fresh blueberries, mint, cucumber and soda water.

Kissaki in Water Mill has officially launched its third season on the East End. In Japanese, "kissaki" translates to "tip of a blade" or "knife point," which is fitting since sushi chefs take their knives very seriously, and at **Kissaki** the fish is taken just as seriously. With its own fishery and wildlife license, the restaurant gets most of its

fish directly from Japan, and deals with fishermen from California, Montauk, the Outer Banks and Gloucester Bay. The 18-seat omakase counter in Water Mill, where the sushi chef serves guests directly piece-by-piece,

has two menu options — eight nigiri pieces plus miso soup and a handroll for \$75, and 12 pieces plus miso soup and a handroll for \$115. A full menu of Japanese specialties is also available in the **Kissaki** dining room and outdoor patio.

Kissaki Water Mill is open Wednesday through Sunday from 5 to 9 p.m. and, starting May 30, will be open seven days a week.

Bits & Bites:

BuddhaBerry, the popular frozen yogurt spot in Sag Harbor, has reopened after a winter hiatus. ... **Duryea's** in Montauk reopens May 12 and **Duryea's** in Orient reopens May 19.

Food Quote: "Oh, how I love Italian food. / I eat it all the time, / not just 'cause how good it tastes / but 'cause how good it rhymes." ~ Shel Silverstein, poet

Got a restaurant news item or tip? Email dansfoodseen@gmail.com!



PRESTON HOUSE & HOTEL CHEF DREW HIATT

Recipe: The Preston House & Hotel Chef Drew Hiatt's Duck Tortelli

Duck Sausage Filling Ingredients

Set 1:

- 4 Duck leg meat (thigh meat), cubed
- 1.3 Pork fatback, cubed
- 40g Roasted garlic
- 8g Salt
- 4g Whole black peppercorn
- 3g Pink salt
- 10g Sage
- 5g Chervil
- 5g Thyme

Set 2:

- 100g Chicken stock
- 50g Red wine

Duck Sausage Filling Procedure

1. Combine all of Set 1 in a hotel pan and freeze until 60% frozen.
2. Grind through medium dice on full speed.
3. Put in mixing bowl and start to whip.
4. Stream in Set 2 and turn the speed up; whip until it's sticky and emulsified.

Dough Ingredients

- 3 cups Semolina
- 3 cups "00" flour

- 20 Egg yolks

- 6 Whole eggs

- 2 tsp EVOO

Dough Procedure

1. Combine everything together in a mixer with a dough hook and then mix until dough comes together.
2. Knead dough on low speed for 9 minutes.
3. Remove from bowl and wrap in plastic, let sit at room temperature for 1 hour then roll.

Smoked Tomato Sauce Ingredients

- 1/2 liter Madeira

- 1 Smoked tomato

- 2qt Basic tomato sauce

- 1qt Chicken stock

- 10g Salt

Smoked Tomato Sauce Procedure

1. Reduce Madeira by 40%.
2. Add the rest of the ingredients and simmer for 30 minutes to 1 hour.
3. Puree in blender until smooth.

Pickup Dish Ingredients

- 20z Smoked tomato sauce

- 6 Tortelli

- 4 Broccolini



THE PRESTON HOUSE & HOTEL CHEF DREW HIATT'S DUCK TORTELLI

- 20z Beurre fondue

- 6 Rock shrimp

- 1/20z Flower petals, picked

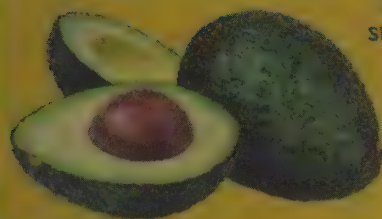
Pickup Dish Procedure

1. Drop tortelli in salted boiling water.
2. In a sauté pan, add beurre fondue and shrimp.
3. Once tortelli is floating (about 6 minutes) add to pan with shrimp and butter.
4. Coat broccolini in olive oil, salt & pepper and either grill or sauté.
5. In another pan, warm up smoked tomato sauce.
6. In your favorite bowl, ladle smoked tomato sauce first, then with a spoon, place tortelli on top of sauce.
7. Arrange broccolini on top of tortelli, then add shrimp on top and garnish with flower petals.

~Courtesy The Preston House & Hotel



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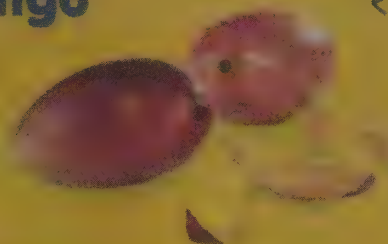
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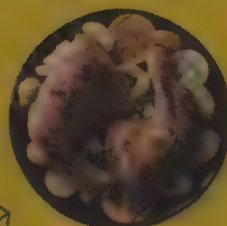
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DAN'S TASTE: FOOD & DRINK

Cinco de Mayo Fun to Be Had on the East End

BY DAVID TAYLOR

Next Thursday is the Fifth of May, more commonly known as Cinco de Mayo, which means East End eateries will be serving up quite the fiesta! Here are a few hot spots offerings specials that you may want to check out.

La Fondita is celebrating Cinco de Mayo with several authentic specials, including tamal de pollo en salsa verde, tamal de puerco en salsa roja, tamal de rajas con queso, as well as a no-fuss basic tamal. 74 Montauk Highway, Amagansett. 631-267-8800, lafondita.net

Coche Comedor is celebrating with festive a la carte dinner options: soft shell crab gordita, roast suckling pig and chocoflan. 74A Montauk Highway, Amagansett. 631-267-5709, cochecomedor.com

North Fork Doughnut Company is bringing the sweetness to Cinco de Mayo with a special box featuring six limited-edition flavors: churro, piñata, dulce de leche, spicy mango, margarita and chili chocolate cake. Order online and pick up your box on May 5. 100 Love Lane, Mattituck. 631-298-7941, nofodoco.com

Bridgehampton Inn Restaurant is hosting a Cinco de Mayo fiesta prix fixe from 5:30–9 p.m., which includes a poblano pepper soup, Nantucket Bay scallops ceviche, enchiladas de mole Oaxaca, halibut on pipián sauce and cinnamon churros with dulce de leche for \$95. Sides of guacamole, pico de gallo, rajas poblanas



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and skillet Mexican street corn. Order takeout or place your dinner reservation by emailing info@bridgehamptoninn.com or calling ahead. 2266 Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton. 631-537-3660, loavesandfishes.us/bridgehampton-inn-restaurant

For some, holidays like St. Patrick's Day and Cinco de Mayo are an excuse to cut loose and down a few drinks, so **Union Burger Bar's** serendipitously timed May 5 Tap Takeover may be just what you're looking for. Enjoy beers from The Drowned Lands Brewery and appetizer specials from 5 p.m. to the

10 p.m. close. 40 Bowden Square Southampton. 631-377-3323, unionburgerbar.com

If you're in the mood for margaritas this Cinco de Mayo, you'll want to seek out the best the area has to offer. Crowned this year's Dan's Best of the Best Margarita winners, **K Pasa** in the Hamptons and **Pearl Restaurant & Bar** on the North Fork have just what you need. Trust the crown. *K Pasa*: 2 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-800-8226, 1-800-taco.com. *Pearl Restaurant & Bar*: 409 Main Street, Greenport. 631-333-2888, pearlrestaurant409.square.site



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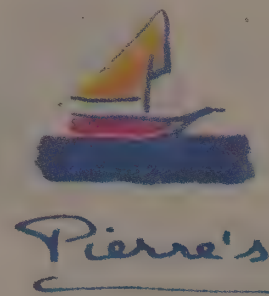
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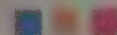
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Something to Wine About:

Sannino 2020 Fresco White Wine Blend

BY LINDA DELMONICO
PRUSSEN

If you're ready to start stocking up your white wines for the summer, be sure to check out Sannino Vineyard's 2020 Fresco White Wine Blend. This is a delightful white wine blend. It's refreshingly dry with notes of peach, citrus and lemon. This wine has great acidity and is phenomenally balanced with a lemon drop-like finish.

Owner and winemaker Anthony Sannino had this to say about his creation: "Fresco is created from nine equal parts of different grape varieties, seven of which are part of our newest 2018 planting in Cutchogue. I chose semillon, pinot

blanc, pinot gris, muscat blanc, marsanne roussanne and viognier to be planted in separate 500-foot-long rows side by side to be part of our fresco blend along with sauvignon blanc and chardonnay, which are grown in different areas of our vineyard."

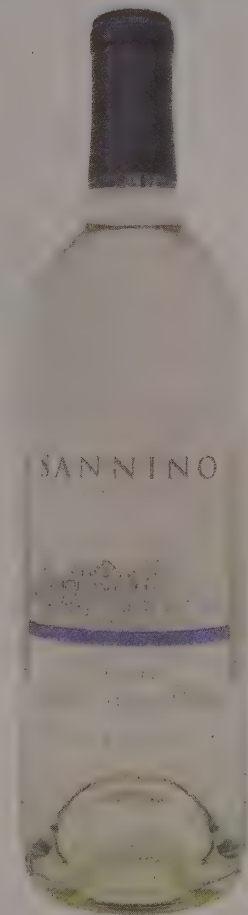
He adds, "An artist creating a true fresco is challenged to apply combinations of colors to a rapidly curing plaster in order to achieve a masterpiece, (that) is how I interpret harvesting all of these varieties at an optimum ripeness and flavor profile in order to achieve a wine that hopefully pleases many people. The technical part of creating fresco involves harvesting and co-fermenting the seven varieties first, while chardonnay and

sauvignon blanc are added after they have been fermented separately. Fermentation is at a very cool temperature with a goal to reach complete dryness. Fresco is also created to imply a mouth-feel including a bright acidity and a freshness expressing the multitude of fruit characteristics from all of the varieties."

All the varieties were steel-fermented allowing the fruit to shine. This wine would pair beautifully with salads, fruits and seafood. It retails for \$28.

*The 2020 Fresco White Wine Blend was sampled; the photo is vintage 2017.

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East End Making Strides for World Autism Month



CELEBRATE WORLD AUTISM MONTH

BY DAVID TAYLOR

As the world becomes more understanding of neurodiverse individuals, such as people on the autism spectrum, more and more resources and programming are becoming available to this community. In honor of World Autism Month, we're taking a look at some of the organizations and businesses making the East End a more welcoming place for adults and children with autism.

One of the most active organizations supporting the autism community on the East End is **Luv Michael**, named after co-founder Michael Kessar, a young adult with autism. He works with his parents and fellow co-founders Dr. Lisa Liberatore and Dr. Dimitri Kessar to run an innovative organic granola production company that employs exclusively individuals with autism spectrum disorder. Funds raised help Luv Michael continue to support, train and employ the adult autism community. luvmichael.com

Luv Michael's founders also run a sister organization **US Autism Homes**, which helps autistic youth transition out of their parents' homes and into a more independent arrangement that still provides care specific to the individual. The organization has a network of homes and apartments, including in Southampton, that provide security, communal areas, outdoor gardens, technology support, access to faith-based resources and more. usautismhomes.org

Like Luv Michael, **One For All** is a business co-founded by an autistic young man with a mission to showcase the work of likeminded individuals. In the case of Sean DeMarco, who founded the One For All store with mother Theresa DeMarco,

he wanted to create a shared creative space with a shared purpose, thus the Southold store sells artisan crafts, jewelry, art, pottery, bags and more created by exclusively by autistic and otherwise neurodiverse makers from around the country. oneforallgifts.com

While sensory sensitivity is by no means an autism-exclusive trait, and those on the spectrum may not experience it at all, everybody benefits when the community tries to be a little more inclusive. It's a not exactly the right season to discuss **Santa's Christmas Tree Farm** in Cutchogue, but it is worth noting that they made headlines for introducing the North Fork's first "Sensitive Santa" sessions — dimming the lights and turning off the Christmas music at scheduled times in hopes of giving sensory-sensitive kids a stress-free meeting with the big man in red. santaschristmastreefarmli.com

On Saturday, April 30, **The Watermill Center** launches its own sensory-friendly tours in honor of Autism Awareness Month. This tour of the center's art collection, library and garden intends to provide routine accommodations to neurodiverse individuals through natural lighting, minimal ambient sound, and tour materials made available prior to arrival so guests have time to better plan their visit. The first of these sensory-friendly tours takes place this Saturday, April 30 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. watermillcenter.org

On the same day, the **Parrish Art Museum** is hosting its grand Spring Fling fundraising event, which is raising money for their educational programming, such as Access Parrish, which provides learning experiences for youth and adults with autism, Alzheimer's, dementia, Parkinson's and their

caretakers. Join in the fun on April 30, 7:30-11 p.m. and enjoy music and dancing courtesy of DJ Marc Bauman, a silent auction, Elegant Affairs catering and an open bar. parrishart.org

Children with sensory sensitivity can find solace and fun at the **Children's Museum of the East End's** Sensory Friendly Mornings, which reduce visual and auditory stimuli in exhibits, quiet rooms and the less-crowded museum. The summer CMEE schedule will be announced soon and will also include a speaker series and more family activities. cmee.org

OLA of Eastern Long Island is working with **NY Project Hope**, a New York State Office of Mental Health program providing emotional support services and more, to host a hybrid series of bilingual (Spanish and English) All-Abled Youth Workshops at Hampton Bays Public Library and online. Organized by program team leader Laura Putzulu of OLA, the workshops invite teens of any physical ability and neurodiversity to come together and talk. The three tentative workshop dates all take place at 5 p.m.: Wednesday, May 18, Tuesday, June 7 and Monday, June 13. olaofeasternlongisland.org

This summer will also see the return of the **Flying Point Foundation for Autism's Camp Flying Point**, an August retreat for campers with autism ages 6-21 at the Southampton Fresh Air Home. Trained staff will help facilitate an exciting and memorable summer camp experience with activities including swimming, art, yoga, music and noncompetitive sports.



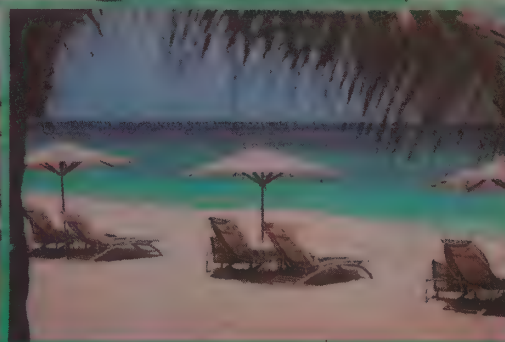
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Junior Lifeguard Program Quells Ocean Fears in Southampton



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SOUTHAMPTON VILLAGE JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM CLASS OF 2021



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BRENDAN REGAN INSTRUCTS JUNIOR LIFEGUARD STUDENTS AT COOPERS BEACH

BY OLIVER PETERSON

Brendan Regan knows what it's like to be the kid who's afraid of the water. The longtime lifeguard and swim instructor wasn't always at home in the roiling surf, but he conquered his fears as a young teen, and now he and his partner, physical therapist Christine Brennan — also an experienced lifeguard and swim instructor — are showing local youths how to do the same through their Southampton Village Junior Lifeguard Program for kids ages 9–14 at Coopers Beach.

The duo launched their program last year after Brennan heard the idea suggested at a Southampton Trustees meeting and asked Regan if he'd run it with her — and they were amazed by the demand. With the help of the Coopers Beach lifeguards, Regan and Brennan quickly built a roster of 30 kids ages 11–14 for their first summer program, and now they're returning with an expanded scope, which will include an additional group of 15 younger students, ages 9–10.

"People signed up almost immediately, it was crazy. We were surprised. I guess people were looking for something like this," Regan says, recalling how quickly the program filled up with a mix of both local and seasonal kids in 2021.

Regan and Brennan instruct their students using Red Cross junior lifeguard standards, and by the end of the process each kid is technically certified as a junior lifeguard by Red Cross, but it's not a certification to move on to lifeguarding locally. "It lays the foundation for becoming a lifeguard," Regan says, pointing out that both East Hampton and Southampton towns have cadet programs for 15-year-olds, readying them to take a test and become ocean lifeguards at age 16, the starting age for ocean lifeguards in the Hamptons.

And while Regan and Brennan's program is definitely focused on lifeguarding skills, including saves, first aid, line work, swimming, introductory CPR and more, its true value is about building con-



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BRENDAN REGAN AND A STUDENT WORK THE LINES

fidence, self-esteem, independence and, of course, comfort swimming in the ocean.

"I worked at beach clubs for almost 20 years as aquatics director, or head lifeguard or assistant manager, which pretty much all ended up meaning the same thing. And I was always bringing kids into the water," Regan says. "It gets slow and boring when it gets quiet, and if you see a kid who's curious or a parent who's curious, and you bring them in and out of the ocean, you can just see it in their face, like, 'Oh, man. This thing is beautiful and it's not as scary as I thought it was.'"

Regan remembers that fear of the ocean and the absolute joy of getting over it at around age 13 — something he now helps his students achieve. "I was very, very reserved as a kid. I didn't want to push myself, didn't want to be in danger, never wanted to go near anything where it didn't seem like I'd know exactly what was going on," he says. "I remember starting to build the confidence. I remember feeling super afraid and maybe the next summer being like, 'OK, now I'm pushing myself,'" Regan continues, pointing out that a lot of kids fear the ocean, especially if they haven't grown up around it. "It's cool to see the apprehension and the fear in a kid's eyes on even a small day of waves, and you teach them how to go under a wave. Then

they go under the next wave by themselves, and then you come in and, universally, they're laughing, they're happy, they're excited, they're high-fiving, they're bragging to their parents about it."

Last year's group had kids of all ability levels, according to Regan, who says they teach to each student's skills. "It's really the full spectrum. You don't realize until the kids are in front of you, but 11–14 is really a wide range. A young 11-year-old and an older 14-year-old are almost like two different species," he says.

"We had the older kids who were really excellent swimmers, we felt we could push them to do the full, real version of a lifeguard save using all the equipment — the torps (torpedo, aka "Baywatch buoy") and the lines and stuff — and then all the way down to the little 11-year-olds who were very not confident in the water at all, and really didn't have much swim stroke technique. It's the gamut," Regan continues. "But definitely everybody leaves the program a couple steps up from where they entered, whether they're kids who've never really touched the ocean before, to surf rats who then step it up and become almost a version of a proto-lifeguard."

Regan explains that each day is a little different, depending on the surf, and while they push kids, safety is always paramount. "Kids show up, warm up, stretch. It's pretty condition dependent. We always get in the water. If it's calmer, it'll be more endurance and more long swims out to the buoys and really doing real versions of the saves out in the water," he says. "If it's very rough we'll do the land stuff and then Christine or myself will take the kids out one or two at a time and push them. The goal is to really push the kids a little bit out of their comfort zone into a place where in the end they're better off."

To learn more about the Southampton Village Junior Lifeguard Program, email Christine Brennan at brennan.christine@yahoo.com.

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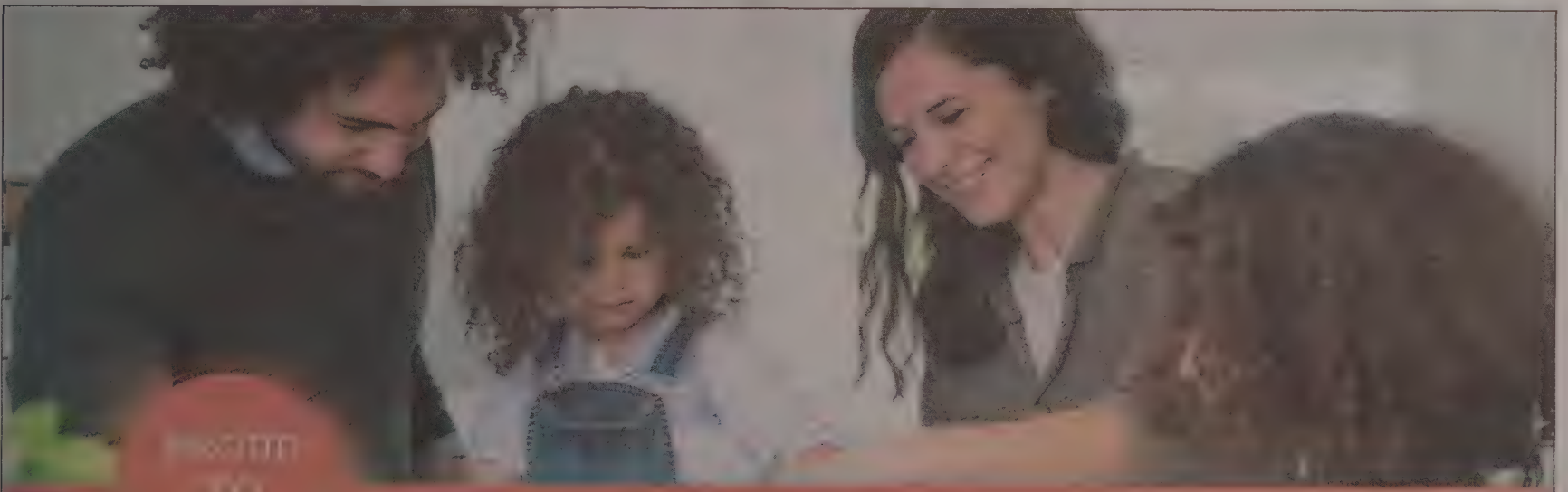
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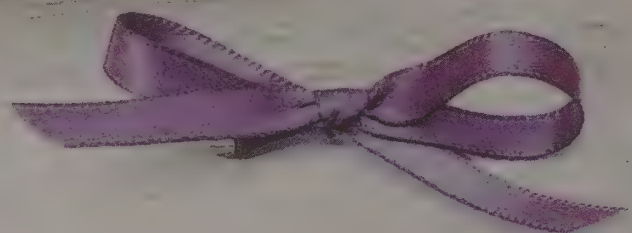
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MOTHER'S DAY

10 Mother's Day Dining Options for East End Moms



I love you Mom
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BY DAVID TAYLOR & HARRY POWERS

Mother's Day is coming up on Sunday, May 8, and while you may not have started planning yet, thankfully, East End restaurants have. Here are 10 dining options in the Hamptons and on the North Fork that moms are sure to love.

HAMPTONS

Chef Nicholas Vogel of **Baron's Cove** in Sag Harbor has created a special menu for Mother's Day. In addition to the new spring menu, special brunch additions include a fried goat cheese with roasted beet and arugula salad, Belgian waffle with macerated berries and a gelato, and a mushroom and broccoli rabe flatbread with whipped ricotta and sunny side egg. For moms who prefer to dine later, Mother's Day dinner specials include crab cakes with spring radish and pepper fricasse with a charred poblano remoulade, tempura spring misto with tempura fried spring vegetables with tonnato sauce and lemon, and a spice cake with lemon glaze and curd. 31 West Water Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-2100, caperesorts.com/barons-cove

For those early mama birds, consider the Mother's Day Crepe Breakfast at the **Bridgehampton Inn** from 8–10:30 a.m. on May 8. Walk-ins are welcome, though you may want to do Mom the courtesy of placing a reservation by emailing info@bridgehamptoninn.com or by phone. 2266 Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton. 631-537-3660, loavesandfishes.us/bridgehampton-inn-restaurant

For Mother's Day at **Highway Restaurant & Bar**, Chef Justin Finney is preparing an extensive brunch/lunch menu. Items include wood-fired pizzas, housemade pastries, a mimosa and bloody Mary bar, and there's a separate menu for the kids. Reservations are open 11 a.m.–3 p.m. via Resy.

290 Montauk Highway, East Hampton. 631-527-5372, highwayrestaurant.com

Mother's Day brunch at **Main Street Tavern** runs 11 a.m.–3 p.m. with a mimosa and bloody Mary bar and seasonal specials served alongside Chef Guo Ho Pang's classic brunch menu, which includes such favorites as crispy pork belly hash, huevos racheiros, grilled salmon, as well as children's specials. 177 Main Street, Amagansett. 631-267-0400, mainstreettavern.com

Southampton restaurant **NAIA** is offering families a chance to do some good this Mother's Day with a benefit brunch that's raising funds for Luv Michael, a local organization committed to supporting, educating and employing the adult autism community. The event runs May 8, 1–3 p.m., and tickets are \$50. 281 County Road 39A, Southampton. 934-222-0099, naiahamptons.com

The Bell & Anchor in Sag Harbor is celebrating Mother's Day on Sunday, May 8 with both brunch and dinner. Seatings will be available from 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. for brunch and 5:30–8:30 p.m. for dinner. Moms are sure to enjoy lobster Benedict, house-smoked salmon plates, crispy portobello, bouillabaisse, "old school" lobster garganelli and other options. 3253 Noyac Road, Sag Harbor. 631-724-3400, thebellandanchor.com

NORTH FORK

Moms can enjoy Mother's Day brunch at **North Fork Table & Inn** on May 8 with a three-course brunch prix fixe menu and optional Croteaux Vineyards wine pairings. Entrees include spring vegetable frittatta, maple custard French toast, pan-roasted cod and hay-smoke half chicken. Sweets, sides and appetizers include olive oil cake, housemade bacon rolls, scallion tempura and more. 57225 Main Road, Southold. 631-765-0177, northforktableandinn.com

Over at **aMano** in Mattituck, Mother's Day is being celebrated with a \$50 three-course prix fixe featuring options such as slowly simmered meatballs, crab-stuffed deviled eggs, pan-roasted salmon, seafood papardelle, lemon ricotta cheesecake and more. Dishes can also be purchased a la carte. 13550 Main Road, Mattituck. 631-298-4800, amanorestaurant.com

A Lure Chowder House & Oysteria in Southold is also offering a \$50 three-course prix fixe for Mother's Day, with a la carte options. Offerings include cast iron grilled calamari, shrimp and pork meatballs, roasted cod, burrata ravioli and mixed berry shortcake. 62300 Main Road, Southold. 631-876-5300, alurenorthfork.com

From noon–3 p.m. on Mother's Day, **The Halyard at Sound View Greenport** is hosting a brunch menu made with Chef Stephan Bogardus' favorite local ingredients for \$65, which includes a complimentary non-alcoholic beverage or, for \$12, a bloody Mary, mimosa or bellini. 58775 Route 48, Greenport. 631-477-0666, thehalyardgreenport.com



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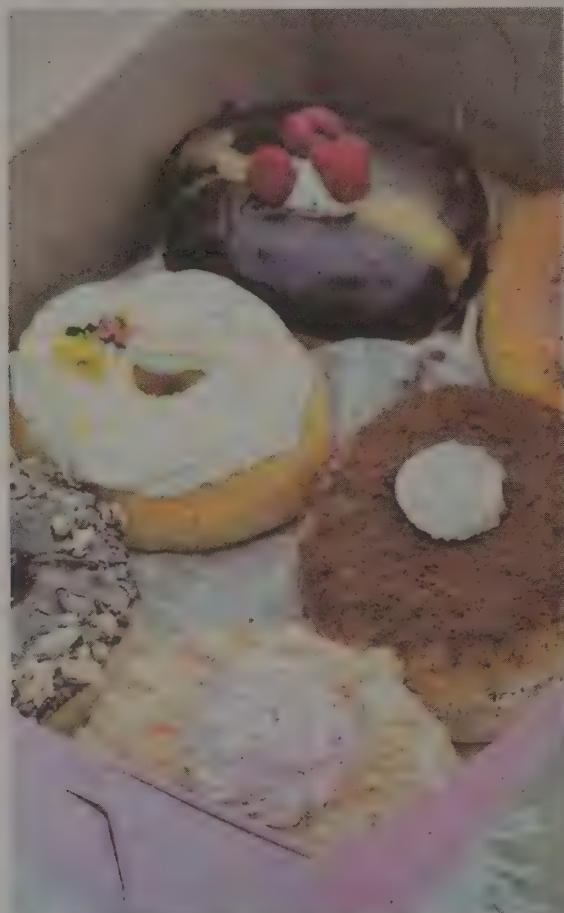
Mother's Day Gift Ideas for Food and Wine Lovers

BY DAVID TAYLOR

There are so many different types of moms on the East End with a myriad of distinct tastes, and this week, we're Mother's Day shopping for the moms with the most literal sense of taste: the foodies, sweet tooths and wine lovers. Keep in mind that these are purchasable gifts, so if you're looking for Mother's Day dinner reservations, check out this week's guide on that. Without further ado, let's shop food and wine for Mom.

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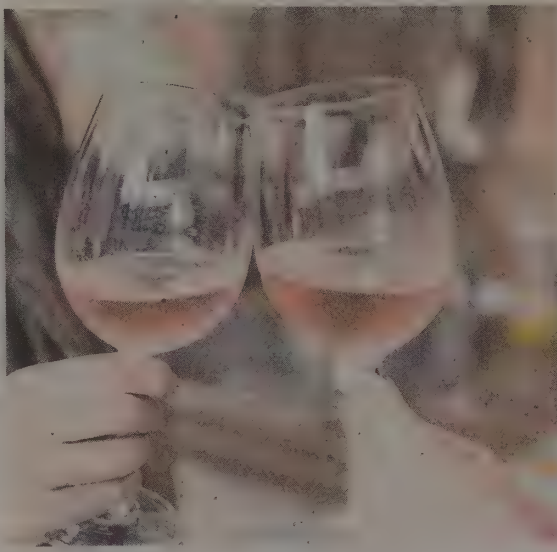
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11 a.m.–6 p.m. on Sunday, May 8, and tickets are \$25. 15975 County Road 48, Cutchogue. 631-734-8282, sanninovineyard.com

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Janis Ian: Legendary Multi-Grammy-Winning Singer-Songwriter's Last Long Island Gig

BY ANGELA LAGRECA

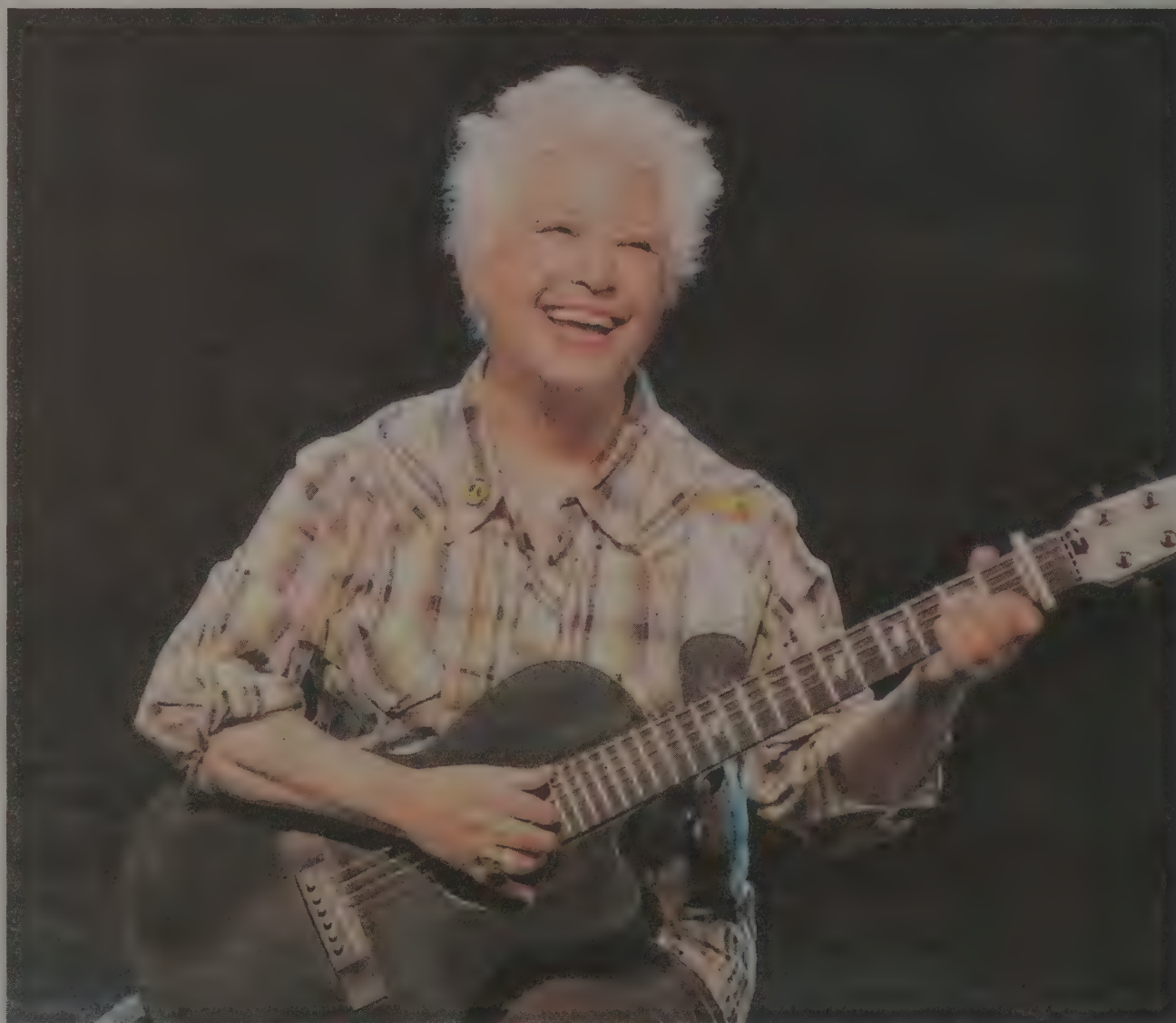
Janis Ian is coming to The Suffolk Theater in Riverhead, and it's a big deal for fans and anyone who cares about exquisite, intimate songwriting and performance from a master at her craft.

Not only is the legendary artist-singer-songwriter on a "Last North American Tour" after five decades of writing, producing and performing, her gig on May 8 at The Suffolk Theater in Riverhead is the only Long Island date on that tour, and will be the last chance for fans to see the two-time Grammy winner live in a Long Island venue.

Ian's best known hit, "At Seventeen" — a classic ode to teenage angst and the perils of pining for popularity amidst the mean girl madness — is as relevant today in our super-selfie, "like"-obsessed and bullying culture as it was in 1975 when it debuted, topping the charts and moving her album *Between the Lines* at the time to number one on the Billboard charts. (In 1975, Ian was one of two musical guests — the other Billy Preston — to perform on the very first episode of *Saturday Night Live* where she played "At Seventeen.")

Her catalogue of more than 20 albums is filled with songs ranging from the personal to the political. Her newest release, *The Light at the End of the Line*, which came out in January of this year, is her first album of new material in 15 years. Released on her Rude Girl Records label, it's another "finale" of sorts for Ian, who has said it is her last solo studio album. Give it a listen, and you'll see she is going out on a high note.

So yes, Janis Ian, the iconic folk legend, is retiring from the road. And she means it, even when asked if this final farewell tour is akin to Cher's fi-



JANIS IAN PERFORMING

nal farewell tour, in that she says it, but then somewhere along the way she changes her mind and is back on stage doing yet another "final tour."

"You know, I love Cher but she's really ruined it for all of us," responds Ian, with her wry, dry delivery. "No, I'm done, I'm done. I'm doing Europe and the U.K. next year and Ireland and maybe Scandinavia, but I'm

done. I've got a few things I want to do in terms of teaching, and I may combine them with concerts, but it's not going to be a tour ... I'm finished. I'm 71, you know."

Ian has certainly earned the right to retire from the grind of touring. By most accounts a child prodigy, she became proficient on numerous instruments at a young age and has

been writing, recording and performing since she was a teen. The daughter of mixed-race parents, Ian grew up Jewish in New Jersey and broke through with a controversial hit, "Society's Child," in the 1960s about a forbidden interracial romance by the girl's mother, frowned upon by peers and society. It wasn't an easy release at the time, but the song resonated

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and put her on the map.

She has lived through the challenges of fame at an early age, two marriages to two different men and is now living with her wife Patricia Snyder (they've been together for over 32 years) in the Tampa Bay area of Florida after decades of living in Tennessee. (Ian writes a funny blog called "Conversations with My Wife" inspired by real-life conversations with Snyder that she says she writes "whenever something that strikes me as funny and I have the time to follow up on it.")

Ian's talent for translating her insights and observations into words and crafted songs, as well as her ability to mesmerize an audience with her intimate performances and musical ability, is clearly a gift. She seems determined now to move on to the next stage of her life — off the stage — and is doing so on her terms.

"Everyone gets an exit plan except us entertainers, and we are now having to write the map for our own exit plan," Ian says. "(Joan) Baez is writing the map, and Elton (John) is writing the map, and I'm writing the map. We're writing the map for whoever comes after us."

We caught up with Janis Ian who

"At Seventeen"

(song/lyrics by Janis Ian)

I learned the truth at seventeen
That love was meant for beauty
queens

And high school girls with clear
skinned smiles
Who married young and then
retired

The valentines I never knew
The Friday night charades of
youth

Were spent on one more beautiful

At seventeen I learned the truth

And those of us with ravaged
faces

Lacking in the social graces
Desperately remained at home
Inventing lovers on the phone
Who called to say "Come dance
with me"

And murmured vague obscenities

It isn't all it seems
At seventeen



JANIS IAN

graciously gave *Dan's Papers* some time via telephone during her busy touring schedule to talk about her upcoming gig at Suffolk Theater, her new album and what she plans to do after her final farewell tour.

"Final tour" sounds so ... final. I'm sure fans resist that for selfish reasons, as in "We need you, Janis" — but that's a good thing, right?

Yes, it is a good thing and that's part of the reason why I wrote "The Light at the End of the Line" — and the key line in that is, "in due time there will be someone else who will see all the good in your heart, even when we're apart ..."

Your new album, 15 years in the making ...

I knew I was going to make an album at some point, and I also knew that I wasn't going to make another album until I had what I considered to be 15 impeccable songs. And that took a while, and one day I looked up and thought, "Oh, there they are." And I think every one of these songs is as good as I'm ever going to do, so (I said) it's time to make an album.

What can we expect from your show at Suffolk Theater?

Variety. It wouldn't be fair to do a

tour and not do "At Seventeen" or "Society's Child." I've got friends there — Jim D'Addario lives out there who's supplied me with strings and gear for decades now — one of the few companies that actually supported female musicians like me, so he's coming to the show. Judy Collins will be at the show. Just a bunch of friends who are coming to shows now (laughs) — this is called "the famous friends tour" because the other night was Arlo Guthrie and there was Jean Smart, there was Joan Baez ... We are all trying to write the map and make it work so that we don't have to constantly be on the road or be away to be creative.

How do you feel about playing Long Island?

I'm excited to play on the island — that's my only Island gig and I've been playing on the island since I was 14 and taking the LIE out there. I'm looking forward to it, I've heard a lot about the theater. It'll be fun.

You were a teen when your career began — what were your goals and wishes at the time?

Well, they changed. My goal when I was much younger was to be a Beatle — to be really world famous and to have everybody stop me on the street and want autographs and all of that

stuff, and I think you reach a certain point where you have all of that and you realize that it's not nearly as much fun as you thought it would be (laughs), and it's no fun being locked in a hotel room for days on end.

If you're fortunate, you also get exposed to people like Dave Van Ronk or Odetta who take their work very seriously — those writers and those artist and singers and performers, and later on Stella Adler and people who make you aware that with talent comes responsibility, and that you are also part of a lineage that goes back to the cave people — the first person who told a story. ... That's a lineage that's thousands and thousands of years old — those bones you stand on. And it's important to acknowledge and live up to that lineage.

So I have a very elevated idea of what it is to be an artist ... are you going to be a help to the world or are you going to be a bum or a complete hindrance and make everybody nuts? I think we've seen too much of that lately.

Do you ever look back and realize your own impact and what you've created?

I don't think about it. It's not that important. I mean, it's important for other people and it's fantastic that it's done the good — and it continues to do good. "At Seventeen" continues to make people feel better — and that's really amazing, that that song would have that kind of life. But beyond that I don't give it that much thought because I'm not interested in what I've done. I'm interested in what I'm doing.

Describe a perfect "Janis Ian" day.

I would read. Play with my dog. Maybe do some cooking, maybe eat out at a good restaurant. Maybe go kayaking. I don't know — it's been so many years since I've had the luxury of being bored that it's hard for me to imagine what it will be like, but I consider it a very worthy goal in my life.

Aside from music, what do you love to do?

I'm not a big fan of radishes, but outside of that, pretty much everything.

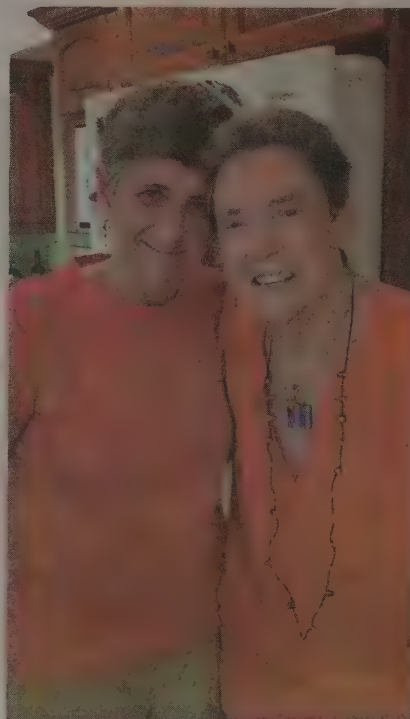
Janis Ian is performing at The Suffolk Theater in Riverhead on Sunday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. For info and tickets visit suffolktheater.com. For more about Janis Ian, visit janisian.com.

OBITUARY

Remembering Rose Walton: HIV/AIDS Educator, Activist and LGBTQ Ally



ROSE WALTON, WHO WAS ALSO A PILOT, TAKING WIFE MARGE SHERWIN FOR A RIDE



MARGE SHERWIN AND ROSE WALTON

BY ANGELA LAGRECA

Hearts and minds were deeply touched at the news that Rose Walton passed away on April 9 after a long illness. She was 85. Her legacy and impact on the East End and in the LGBTQ+ community at large as a fierce and effective ally, activist and educator will never be forgotten.

Walton was raised in Oak Hill, West Virginia, received her bachelor's degree in physical education at Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania and went on to receive a master's degree at Peabody College (now Vanderbilt University in Nashville Tennessee) and an Ed.D. doctorate of education degree from Nova Southeastern University in Florida.

She met her future wife and life partner of 45 years, Marge Sherwin, a self-described "true New Yorker", on a trip to Florida and the couple shared a house in Remsenburg from 1973 until two years ago when they sold it and moved permanently to the West Coast of Florida to live in the home that Walton had built there and kept since 1971.

The Rose Walton Care Services for HIV/AIDS at the newly named Edie Windsor Healthcare Center, now in Hamptons Bays, is a testament to Walton's imprint and impact. Her fearless, focused efforts in the 1980s and 1990s to bring HIV/AIDS education and healthcare to the East End had a

ripple effect nationally at a time when fear versus funding was the operative word.

As an educator, Walton taught at Stony Brook University, served as an administrator at the Stony Brook University School of Allied Health and started the first HIV/AIDS Hotline and Resource Center on Long Island with the blessings of the deans of the school who were ultimately astounded at the overwhelming response at the time, according to her surviving spouse. Walton is also fondly remembered as an effective member and co-chair of the (now defunct) East End Gay Organization (EEGO), fighting for LGBTQ+ causes, rights and equality.

We wanted to honor Rose Walton with some remembrances shared from some of her friends, community members, and the person who knew her best, her spouse Marge Sherwin, who shared 45 years with Walton.

Dorothy Sander, friend of Rose Walton, former co-chair of EEGO

Rose Walton was a pioneer from the earliest days of HIV/AIDS and she spearheaded the entire AIDS education movement trying to educate gay men and others in the spreading of HIV. She was instrumental in that, which was a reason that the Southampton Hospital under the new now-named Edie Windsor Healthcare Clinic is the Rose Walton HIV/AIDS

Education Center. She was a pioneer-educator.

When I followed her (as co-chair of EEGO) ... I saw firsthand her leadership qualities in rallying the East End people, straight and gay, to ally with us, to get some equal rights on the East End, including domestic partnership.

She was a strategic leader ... she understood that you just didn't scream in the streets. You had to have meetings with our local legislature. She set them up. Meetings with people who owned restaurants. Get the people who owned restaurants to understand that we spend money and that they need to support our projects — and they did.

Jimmy Mack, lifelong resident of Southampton

My husband Brian (Mott) and I met Rose and Marge late in life, but Rose's energy, focus and intelligence were still so intact, so clear. We met through our mutual friendship with Edie Windsor, so we knew we were in great company. I read Rose's book, *By Any Other Name*, and my respect for her strength and humor only deepened.

I have been a patient at the Rose Walton HIV/AIDS Care Center since its inception, and I feel such gratitude to have known and cared for someone whose work has been so instrumental to my own health journey.

Robert S. Chaloner, Chief Administrative Officer, Stony Brook Southampton Hospital

Rose Walton was a dynamic force on the East End. She was passionately committed to administering the highest quality of care to HIV/AIDS patients. Her dedication inspired the Rose Walton Care Services for HIV/AIDS at the Edie Windsor Healthcare Center in Hampton Bays where we continue to carry forth her mission today. While there is currently no cure, medical advancements have enabled those diagnosed with HIV to live full lives. In addition to the Rose Walton Care Services, the Edie Windsor Healthcare Center specializes in providing LGBTQ+ health services in a compassionate and respectful environment.

Josephine DeVincenzi, Ed.D. & Mary J. Scanlon, friends of Rose

Dr. Rose Walton was a calming, strong presence at a time when people were frightened and needed answers. Her educational efforts in Suffolk County during the height of the AIDS epidemic saved lives and changed minds.

She always put others first, despite enduring a significant illness for most of her adult life. She transcended her illness with the help of her loving, skillful wife. She was admired, loved and became a hero to those of us who were honored to have known her.

Marge Sherwin, spouse of Rose

She was extremely smart. Her compassion, her quiet force are the adjectives I would use to describe her.

She stood up for the gay community in times when it was not easy to do, and she was the first educator on Long Island to pick up the mantle and to help the people on the East End get access to care.

I remember when we were with EEGO, everyone was supportive except some of the women came up to Rose at a cocktail party and said to her, "Why are you doing this? You are helping the men. The men would not stand up to the women if this was reversed." And she looked at them and she said, "Women are also getting AIDS." It was a very interesting exchange.

The people that knew her then understood that quietness and that force behind her quietness. The people who didn't know her then are amazed at what she accomplished ... she was an administrator at Stony Brook, she ran the AIDS Resource Center, she was the chair of the Allied Health Care Curriculum ... when she retired they hired two or three people — it was amazing — to take all her jobs.

I think today she would want to help with the transgender issues and making kids safe in schools here.

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Summer Is Coming: Time for Spring Cleaning



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Memorial Day weekend is a few short weeks away, which means your Hamptons or North Fork home may require a spring cleaning before it's ready for company. Wayne "Stain-master" Edelman, CEO of Meurice Garment Care and Clean by Meurice in East Hampton, offers some tips for how to best plan your pre-season preparations.

OUTDOOR FURNITURE:

The best time to clean your outdoor furniture and cushions is in the fall but

if you neglected to address the soil then, spring is the time to do it. Depending on the type of upholstery material and the construction of the cushions, we recommend a thorough brushing and vacuuming followed by either cushion removal cleaning and replacement, power washing or vacuum soap and water extraction.

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Spring is the perfect time to look at the wardrobe you left hanging in your closet at the beach house. All clothing items should have been cleaned at the end of the season. Cleaning minimizes potential moth damage and addresses stains that could have been invisible at the end of the summer but now have become apparent.

BEDDING AND TOWELS:

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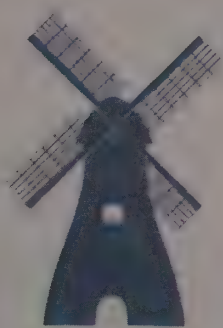
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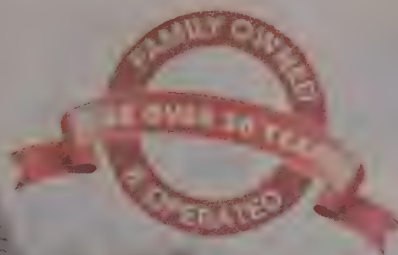
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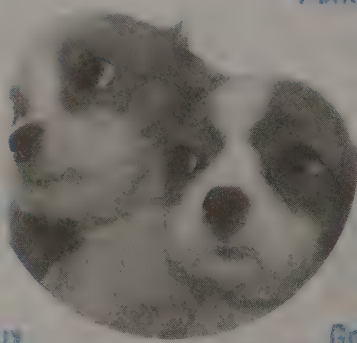
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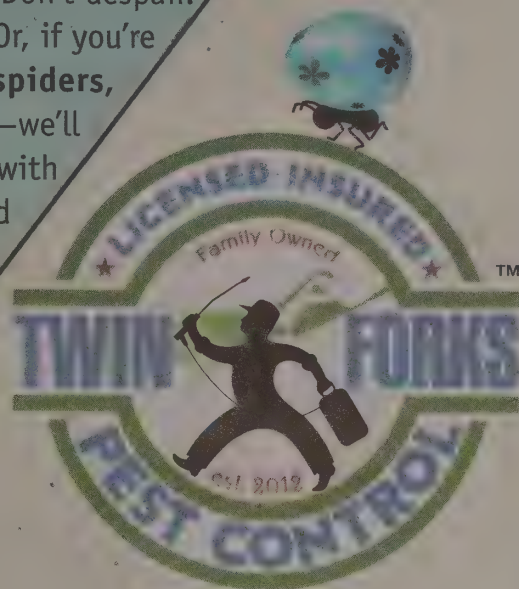
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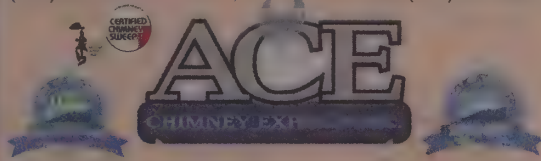
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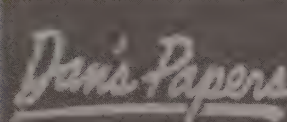
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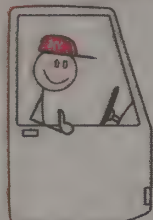
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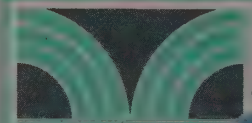
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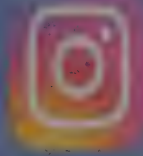
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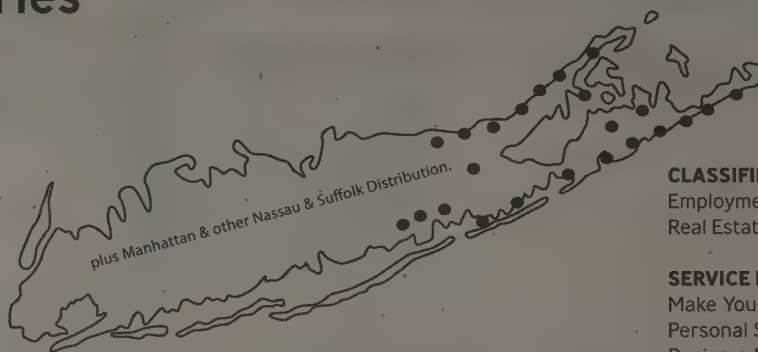
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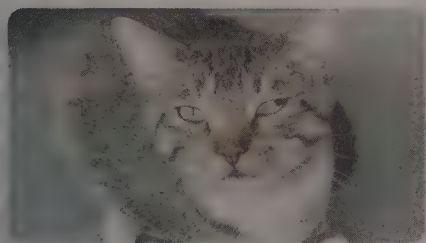
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A Tale of Two Hamptons: *Serving the Hamptons* Takes Us Behind the Curtain of Hamptons Life

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The juxtaposition of those worlds compelled Robert "Bobby" Friedman, a showbiz veteran who has been at the tip of the spear for decades, and veteran journalist, author, content creator, and producer Teresa Sorkin, to put together the Discovery + series *Serving the Hamptons*. The premise is simple: tell the story of a group of young people who live together in an outrageous house and work at 75 Main, one of the most popular restaurants in the Hamptons.

Speaking to both Friedman and Sorkin, the pitch is the same.

"It's *Summer House* meets *Vanderpump Rules* with a land-locked touch of *Below Deck*," said Friedman, founder of Bungalow Media. "A share house on steroids, without the yuck factor...and the network bought the show over a glass of rose on the back porch of 75 Main."

Friedman's Zoom background is like an establishing shot in a film. He speaks with infectious enthusiasm, smiling broadly. His shelves and walls tell his story in the perfectly-framed image with photos and trinkets. Some of the industry's most famous trophies are clearly visible, including the MTV Space-man that has served as the network's Oscar since the first ceremony in 1984. However, Friedman's moon man is unique: It is one of the prototypes acquired when he was a young executive at MTV, right out of Columbia Business School, having been there when The Buggles' "Video Killed the Radio Star" sent the message to the world that entertainment had officially changed.

Sorkin is the child of Italian immigrants. Her father, Rocco Launi, was a master tailor who came to the US, worked for Calvin Klein, and began his own successful business. Her mother, Tina, was a strict Italian mom who could be sharp and biting but with the simple goal of pushing her daughter to be the best. They lived in Manhattan's trendy SoHo neighborhood.

"My dad was the sweet one; my mom was the tough one," said Sorkin.

After graduating from New York University, Sorkin lived in Milan, attending business school. While there, she modeled, which led to her becoming an entertainment reporter on Italy's RAI network. After living in Rome, she returned to the US and began her career in the American entertainment industry, developing television shows for networks including MTV and A&E.

Friedman is also a native New Yorker and a 30-



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Friedman and Sorkin met years ago through the industry. They are both lifelong lovers of the Hamptons and have the same eye for a good story.

"You never stop looking for a good story," said Friedman about executive producing *Serving the Hamptons*.

Sorkin had been trying to find a good hook for a Hamptons-based television show. "I wanted a show that could go behind the curtain of the rich and famous Hamptons and tell the stories of the other people who play a part in that life," said Sorkin.

She settled on Zach Erdem's 75 Main as the perfect place. Friedman agreed.

"Zach has one of the greatest stories you will ever hear," said Friedman. "He is unforgettable, and so are his employees."

"He lived in a cave in Turkey, made his way here with nothing, and has become one of the most popular people in a place where everyone wants to be important," said Sorkin. "His employees reflect him,

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Erdem's staff live in a Hamptons home that provides the perfect stage for a Bacchanalian but pedestrian world. One minute they are serving Leo DiCaprio, and the next, they're in a hot tub and trying to live up to Erdem's rule of no employee hook-ups.

For a group of young, sexy people living in a mansion with wine flowing, that seems like a pretty tall order. But, it all plays out in the series, and it is all authentic.

"We all know many reality shows are at the very least partially scripted," said Friedman. *Serving the Hamptons* is authentic, and it makes for great television."

Sorkin agreed. "I only want to produce something that I would watch, that feels authentic, so it was important for us to give the viewers something they could really believe."

When COVID shut down the Hamptons, Sorkin continued to try to put the show together but found a new focus in the wake of tragedy. Her beloved mother Tina succumbed to the virus, just 15 days after Teresa's aunt lost her COVID fight.

"The loss, the pain, is too deep to understand," said Sorkin, whose father Rocco died several years ago. Over the last couple of years, it is just so much heaviness, so much upheaval. So I channeled my loss into something fun and inspirational, making *Serving the Hamptons* a reality."

Sorkin said Friedman was the man to make it happen. "When he believes in a project, Bobby makes deals fast. He knows the business, and understands what people want to see. So it made sense to work with Bobby and Bungalow."

"This industry is not easy, and all you have is trust in those who will work with you," said Friedman. "I trust Teresa's instincts and the team at Discovery, which was not only in touch with this audience but used their global reach for a show like this."

Friedman and Sorkin hope *Serving the Hamptons* will be back for another season, and as the intersection at Route 27 and Montauk Highway gets busier every weekend, it promises to be one of the biggest and most successful summers the East End has ever seen.

"This show is what makes life interesting," said Friedman. "What it takes to live in this glamorous world, 24 hours a day, is what makes this show so fun and unexpected."

"You need to watch and see that real stories and characters are all around you," said Sorkin. "They get you just to put it out there, and follow your instinct, just like every member of our cast does every day when they go to work. Real people going after their dreams will always be a great story to watch unfold."

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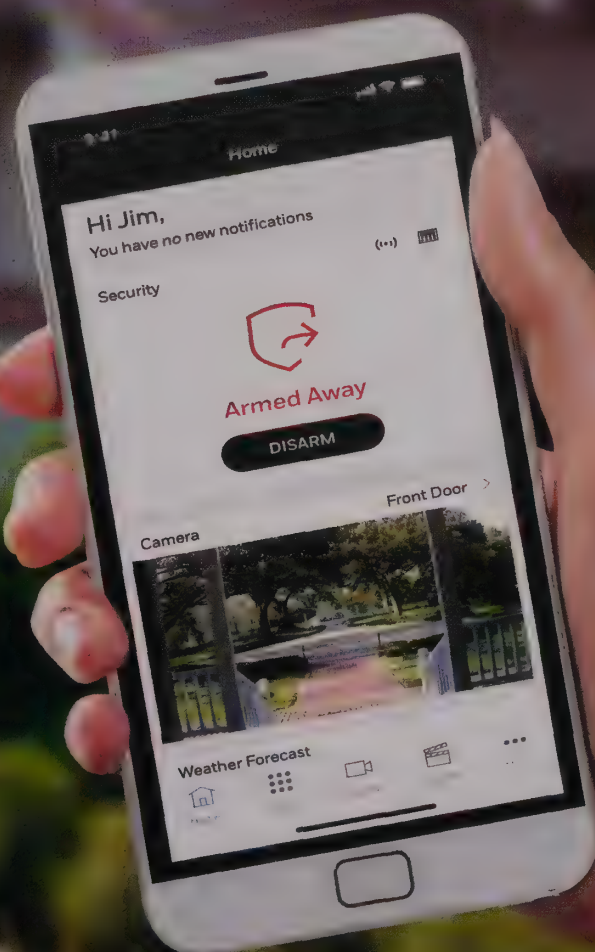
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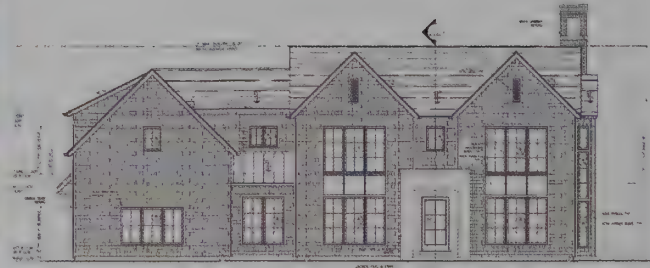
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